

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46  
 FROM : SA Carrie N. Freeman  
 SUBJECT: CG5824-S  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

DATE: 7-16-53

Date of Contact: 7/16 - by phone

Files on Which Contacted: 100-18016

Information Received: 100 - Milt Cohen  
Sue Cohen

1. Negative
2. Positive

100-125-

Sue & Milt Cohen to be at  
 Informants Read for Weekend of  
 7-17-53.

Action Taken on Information Received:

to be disseminated

Copy For Other Files: A-134-46

Personal Data:  
 (Change in Residence,  
 employment, etc.)

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TO : SAC, <sup>134</sup> (137- 46 ) DATE: 7-14

FROM : SA Ward M. Freeman

SUBJECT: C95824-S  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of Contact:

Files on Which Contacted:

Information Received: 100-3960 (Wm Sennett  
 1. Negative 100-125-  
 2. Positive NY 694-S

Re. meeting 7/15/53 - with  
 Wm Sennett

Action Taken on Information Received: for dissemination

Copy For Other Files:

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Personal Data:  
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 employment, etc.)

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JULY 17, 1953

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ADVISED JULY SEVENTEEN, FIFTYTHREE THAT HE RECEIVED CARD FROM  
NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH 5 DATED JULY FIFTEEN, FIFTYTHREE, FROM  
GRAVEPOINT, ONTARIO, CANADA. CARD READS IN PART AS FOLLOWS:  
QUOTE SO FAR PERFECT. WE ARE GUESTS AT A PRIVATE LODGE. I  
AM BUSY RUNNING BACK AND FORTH VISITING OLD FRIENDS UNQUOTE.  
NY ADVISE WHETHER YOUR OFFICE IS RECEIVING SAME INFO THROUGH  
YOUR CHANNELS.

WEATHERFORD

CNY:CP  
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cc: (2) NEW YORK (134-91)  
✓(1) CG 134-46  
(1) NY-694-5 (134- )

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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(8-1-52)

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date JULY 9, 1953

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

RE: MORRIS CHILDS, was MOISCHE CHOLOWSKI, MAURICE CHILDS,  
 MORRIS H. CHILDS, MORRIS CHILOVSKY, MORRIS CHILOFSKY,  
 MOISCHE CHALOWSKI, MARTIN C. GORDON, HARRY MORRISS  
 CHEVOSKY, MORRIS CHILOVSKY, MORRIS CHILKOWSKY

Furnish the known identification record of the following:

Name: MORRIS CHILDS, was MOISCHE CHOLOWSKI, MAURICE CHILDS,  
 Aliases: Morris h. CHILDS, MORRIS CHILOVSKY, MORRIS CHILOFSKY,  
 MOISCHE CHALOWSKI, MARTIN C. GORDON, HARRY MORRISS  
 FBI number: CHEVOSKY, MORRIS CHILOVSKY, MORRIS CHILKOWSKY  
 NONE KNOWN

(The following data should be furnished in the absence of an FBI number)

Identifying number (other than FBI number): none known  
 Sex: male Build: medium  
 Race: white Hair: dk, brown  
 Date of birth: 6/10/02 or 03/ Eyes: blue  
 Place of birth: Kiev, Russia Complexion: medium  
 Residence: 7949 S. Michigan, Chicago Marital status: married  
 Height: 5-8  $\frac{1}{2}$  Occupation: milk driver, CP  
 Weight: 150 Functionary  
 Scars and marks:  
 none

Fingerprint Class:

Also furnish photo  fingerprints  handwriting specimen 

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## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION'S REPLY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	
UNABLE TO IDENTIFY W. C. GORDON ON BASIS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED CHICAGO	

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. A separate form should be used on each individual on whom you are requesting a record.
2. An effort should be made to furnish the FBI number or a law enforcement number. This FBI number is the one assigned to the fingerprint file and not to be confused with a Bureau or Field Division case number.
3. Descriptive data and fingerprint classifications need be furnished only when an FBI number is not available.
4. The office of origin should be indicated only in the lower left corner. All offices to which you wish copies of available records forwarded should be listed also in the lower left corner. A carbon of the revised form FD-9 should be included for each office to which you wish copies forwarded and these should be forwarded with the original to the Bureau.
5. The block in the lower right corner should not be filled in by the Field Division. After a search is made in the Identification Division this block will be appropriately marked and the form returned to the office of origin with any available data. Likewise, the carbon sent in with the form will be sent with the available data to the office listed for copies.

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Rebulet to Chicago dated 6-25-53, captioned, "CP, USA, TOPLEV; IS-C,  
CG 5824-S," requesting additional details concerning the information  
obtained by CG 5824-S while he was in New York from May 5 through  
May 19, 1953.

There is enclosed herewith for your information, one copy of Chicago  
letter to New York dated July 3, 1953, entitled "CP, USA; IS-C,"  
setting forth the information furnished by this informant concerning  
his trip.

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Reference Bureau letter dated April 23, 1953 authorizing the continuance of the services of this informant for an additional three-month period, beginning May 1, 1953.

Reference letter authorized the payment of \$800.00 per month to be used in the following manner; \$600.00 for living expenses, including payments on the informant's automobile; \$100.00 for miscellaneous expenses, including entertainment, ordinary travel and literature; \$100.00 for payment on back debts.

Reference also Chicago bi-weekly progress letters of April 29, May 14, May 29, June 4, June 19, and July 8, 1953 setting forth details concerning information furnished in the reactivation efforts of this informant during the pertinent period.

Reference also Chicago letter to the Director dated June 2, 1953, entitled, "CP, USA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", and Chicago letter to New York, a copy of which is being sent to the Bureau for incorporation in the informant's file, entitled, "CP, USA; IS-C", dated July 3, 1953, wherein the results of the informant's New York trip from May 8 through 19, 1953 were reported.

During the period of April 15, 1953 through July 13, 1953 this informant has continued to devote full time to reactivation efforts in the Communist Party as a functionary at the national level. At the same time he has carefully chosen his contacts among functionaries at the district level. It is believed that definite results have been obtained, in that the informant has now received definite commitments from the most powerful open leaders of the Party nationally, namely, BETTY GANNETT, National Organization Secretary of the Party, and from WILLIAM WEINER, who is still influential and continues to act in an important capacity on financial matters of the Communist Party nationally.

However, because it has been ascertained that the Communist Party now in effect consists of two parties, the open or "legal" Party and the underground Party, and because all "organizational" assignments are made by the "underground apparatus", the informant has been told by GANNETT and WEINER that he must await contact by the underground leadership for assignment to specific tasks.

It was, however, indicated by GANNETT in May, 1953 that the Party was thinking in terms of assigning the informant to cadre selection and training. On July 1, 1953 the informant was in contact with WILLIAM SENNETT, Communist

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Party, District No. 8, Open Organizer, having previously discussed with him at BETTY GANNETT's suggestion a cadre training program for District No. 8.

SENNETT told the informant that he had discussed GANNETT's suggestion with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, District No. 8, Communist Party underground leader, and "another person", and both individuals felt that while the program is needed in the district, it is not possible at this time to invoke such a program because of lack of potential leadership personnel. SENNETT told the informant that the district leadership had authorized him to offer a counter proposal of assignment for the informant. The proposal was for the informant to work out and advise on a Party program to select candidates and a program for the Chicago Municipal Elections in 1954. Informant was told that the district was prepared to assign personnel to him to work on the details of the matter, and that the informant's duties would be to oversee the project.

SENNETT mentioned that such personnel as PHIL KOSOFF, District No. 8, Professional Organizer, WALTER NEFF, teacher and husband of MARY NEFF, prominent Communist Party leader, and one WEINBERG, who informant was told he should know, would be among those available; and in addition, informant was told that he could select other needed personnel. The informant told SENNETT that he would think about the matter and advise New York, and would speak to SENNETT about the matter again at their next meeting on July 15, next.

Informant, in analyzing the above proposals from the district, was at first inclined to accept the counter proposal because he had been offered prior assignments of a minor nature in the form of a request to write articles, etc., and he felt that he could not continue refusing the requests of the district without antagonizing the district leadership.

On July 3, 1953, the informant, however, advised that on reflection he had decided to flatly refuse the proposal because the work was not in line with what a functionary with national standing should be doing at this time. He said that he felt he must assert his position to the district leadership in order to let them know that he was not subservient to them. The informant advised on June 8, 1953 that a note had been delivered to SENNETT on that date by CS [redacted] instructing him not to go ahead with the plan, and that the informant would explain the reasons to him at their next meeting on July 15, next.

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Following the above development, and in reply to a note received by the informant from WILLIAM WEINER on July 1, last to the effect that he, WEINER, had definite assurances of "quick action to normalize the situation," the informant on July 8 and 9, last dispatched two lengthy notes to WEINER and BETTY GANNETT for delivery through NY 694-S.

Prior to the sending of these letters, and because the letters were pointed in content, the complete text of the letters were read to the agent handling

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the informant, and after discussion approval was given to the submission of the letters.

The letter to GANNETT, while extremely friendly, was full of innuendo, indicating complete dissatisfaction in the failure of the underground to contact him regarding his work. Informant referred to GANNETT's suggestion to the district that the informant be given cadre selection and training work. He told her of his conversations with SENNETT and of the counter proposal offered by the district. He referred to the inexperienced young-stars in leadership in Chicago and to their lack of understanding of the necessity for leadership training. The informant had previously been told by SENNETT that, he, SENNETT, was going to New York in the immediate future, and knowing that SENNETT would see GANNETT, the informant in his letter remarked that she would undoubtedly see SENNETT before the informant did and could further detail to SENNETT what the informant and GANNETT had in mind in their conversations in New York in May.

The letter consisted of nine handwritten pages and was expertly written by the informant in a way that left no doubt that he was displeased with the treatment being afforded him, yet at the same time the letter had a friendly and personal touch.

The WEINER letter was similar in content, because the informant knows that WEINER and GANNETT will get together on the matter. It referred to WEINER's note of July 1, last, and to the fact that he, the informant, is still "talking to himself" and is uninformed on Party matters. The informant again referred to the young inexperienced leadership in Chicago and made reference to SENNETT's proposal to him. He said he considered the proposal to be a "gross insult." He asked WEINER to reply as soon as possible.

On July 8, 1953 a lengthy discussion was held with the informant in an effort to reach some conclusions as to the informant's present position and possible future work in the Party.

The informant said that he is certain that his efforts to reactivate nationally are right and that if he continues to cautiously pursue his efforts, he will be successful. He said that he is "solid" with the most powerful people in the open leadership of the Party nationally in the persons of GANNETT and WEINER, and that he was certain that they want him to assume responsibilities. The informant cautioned, however, that for the time being, and particularly after sending the above referred to letters to these individuals, he does not believe it will be possible to push any further without arousing the suspicions of Party leadership. He stated that he must now wait to get results, and added the Party is patient and the Bureau must be at least as patient, or even more so than the Party. The informant also stated he

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can speak frankly to both GANNETT and WEINER, such as he did in these letters. However, he must be cautious at the same time not to antagonize the district leadership by being too critical of their efforts.

New York Air-tel of July 9, 1953 advised that the letter to GANNETT was delivered by NY 694-S through MAY WILLIAMSON, wife of JOHN WILLIAMSON, Communist Party National Committee member and convicted Smith Act subject. Reference Air-tel also advised that the letter to WEINER was delivered by NY 694-S through ILM HARRIS. The informant to date has received no reply to either of the above letters.

The informant on July 9, 1953 stated that as far as he knows he has now done everything humanly possible and feasible in order to break into leadership in the Communist Party at a national level. He added that at the same time the quality and volume of the information he is furnishing on Communist Party policy, strategy, and tactics, as well as personnel, continues to increase. The informant stated that in his opinion the results to date may not have given the Bureau the answers to the big problems, but he is certain that he has laid a solid basis for such information.

He pointed out that in New York he received positive assurances from the highest and most powerful people in the Party, next to the leadership of the national underground. He was assured that he is in good standing, and will be given assignment in line with his capacities.

This, he pointed out, does not mean that automatically the Communist Party will be "thrown into the Bureau's lap." The Party may have a multitude of reasons why he has not yet been seen by these "couple of people," and these reasons may be political, technical or security, or a combination of any or all of them. He said that the only thing to do now is to wait and bring up a case that will justify him in making even stronger complaints if nothing happens as a result of the above letters. He added that if one complains too early, the Party may inquire as to why he is so eager. In the meantime the informant stated he is building up his contact locally and nationally with the assistance of NY 694-S and CS [redacted]

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The informant added that he is presently working under tension, which is more mental than physical in nature. He said that he constantly gets the impression that he is working on a timetable for the Bureau, and that the Bureau has a mechanical, formalistic approach to the problem, particularly as to what actual title the informant will have when he is assigned.

Informant said that he wishes it were possible for him to work for the Bureau "on his own" and in his own way, so that he could work in a manner that he knows would eventually get results. By so doing, he would not get the "horrible feeling" that he is not accomplishing enough fast enough to warrant his pay. He said that he wishes it were possible for him to aid the Bureau and at the same time make a living, but he realizes that

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this is not possible if he is to give the Bureau his full time.

The informant emphasized that he is speaking from a mental point of view. He said he is very appreciative of what the Bureau is doing for him, and he said that Bureau sending him to the Mayo Clinic for examination was especially appreciated by him.

He said that he must state the above, because he believes the Bureau should be thinking on a much broader and a much longer range program. He cautioned that security should not be sacrificed for immediate results when it would be injurious to the much greater program, in which he sincerely believes he can play a major role.

On the accomplishment side of the picture, the informant continues to furnish information of quality on District No. 8 and District No. 2 and national office information, as well as documentary materials.

The highlight of the informant's activity during the last three months was informant's trip to New York from May 8 through May 19, 1953. While this trip was made primarily to attempt to further the informant's reactivation efforts, and it is believed that much was accomplished in this regard, in addition the informant obtained valuable current national and District No. 2 information.

The best information obtained on this trip was believed to have been obtained from BETTY GANNETT, National Organization Secretary of the Party. This information indicated that the "underground leadership" completely controls the Communist Party today on both "organizational and on political matters," and that today there are in fact two Communist Parties, the so-called "open or legal Communist Party" headed by FOSTER and GANNETT, and the "underground party." Informant in that regard was able to furnish information to the effect that when the recent complete change of the Party's "political and tactical line" was made, it was done by the underground leadership without the knowledge or without prior consultations with either GANNETT or FOSTER.

Informant additionally sat in on the report of two national secretariat meetings of the Communist Party held in May, 1953, and identified the members of the national secretariat as of that date, as well as persons called in by the secretariat to attend these discussions which concerned a change in the Party line on the "negro question."

In total, the informant saw fifteen prominent national and New York district Party leaders during his stay in New York. He also had an appointment to see WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, but due to a conflict in engagement times with BETTY GANNETT, the informant was only able to talk with FOSTER by telephone.

Other information of quality obtained by the informant in New York concerned

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the identification of GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY and SY GERSON as being in charge of the New York District, the identification of WILLIAM LAWRENCE as the New York District Cultural Director, and of HARRY HAYWOOD and EULIAH HICKS as being the Editor and Associate Editor, respectively, of the new publication of the National Communist Party Office, "Negro Affairs Quarterly." Informant also learned that the reasons for the trips of MARCEL and LENA SCHERER to the "Soviet and Satellite Embassies" was to keep the officials of these embassies informed of the deficiencies of the Communist Party national leadership. Incident thereto, the informant was also confidentially advised by LENA SCHERER that the son of MARCEL SCHERER had gone underground and was assigned to work in a plant in either Central or Northern New York.

The dissemination letters on the New York trip furnished information for eighty-five organization and individual subject files. Copies of these letters, containing full information obtained by the informant, have been submitted to the Bureau and are identified in the references of this letter.

However, as pointed out earlier, of much more importance insofar as the Bureau is concerned, was the informant's reception by the individuals whom he contacted in New York. BETTY GANNETT, who is probably the most powerful individual in the open Party leadership today, for example, threw her arms around the informant and kissed him affectionately when she met him. Thereafter she spoke most confidentially to the informant on Party matters and discussed and made suggestions concerning possible work the informant could do for the Party.

WILLIAM WEINER, though he was ill enough to be required to go to the hospital during the informant's stay in New York, saw the informant almost daily, placed individuals such as LEM HARRIS at his disposal to make arrangements for informant to meet other individuals, and assured the informant that he was "assigned." GANNETT similarly mentioned that the informant had been assigned, but that the nature of his assignment would have to be worked out with the "underground" leader, who would contact the informant when security could be provided.

On April 27, 1953 informant furnished Volume 1, No. 1, of "Party Voice", issued by the New York District of the Communist Party, which set forth the "key problems" of the Party organization for the coming period. The informant's political interpretation of this document of far-reaching importance insofar as the present Communist Party line is concerned, was incorporated in SAC Letter #53-35. In addition, the informant has furnished copies No. 2, 3 and 4 of the same publication, copies of the Spring, 1953, issue of "Negro Affairs Quarterly", issued by the National Negro Commission, and a copy of "Our Party", described as a national discussion bulletin, issued by the Communist Party, USA.

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The informant has additionally furnished his interpretation of key articles in these publications where they pertain to the carrying out of the new Communist Party "united front line." Other documents furnished by the informant includes the District No. 8 "Party Forum."

Informant's chief source of National and District No. 2 information has been LEONA SCHERER of New York, a former National Committee member, and the former Organization Secretary of District No. 2, who has wide contacts at a national and district level. The contact was abruptly broken off on June 8, 1953, when SCHERER ascertained that she and her sister, ANN BOLDT, were being investigated by INS. Since that time the informant and NY 694-S, through correspondence and personal contacts, have attempted to re-establish normal relations with SCHERER. The informant has been partially successful, and beginning on June 22, 1953, letters again began to arrive from SCHERER, although she has not spoken as freely to date as previously. It is believed that since the Bureau has requested the INS to defer prosecutive efforts on SCHERER, that she will in time resume her normal close relations with informant concerning Party matters.

At the District No. 8 level, the informant has established contact on a regular basis with WILLIAM SENNETT, present open District No. 8 Communist Party Organizer, and is meeting surreptitiously about twice a month. In June, 1953, the informant, following through on the suggestion of BETTY GANNETT, discussed the possibility of the informant taking active part in the selection and training of cadres in the district. SENNETT recognized the need for such training, and told the informant he would discuss the matter with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Communist Party, District No. 8, Underground Organizer, and "one other person," and would contact the informant. A meeting was held on July 1, 1953, and the informant was told by SENNETT that while the district recognized the need for such a program, personnel was not available to begin training at the present time.

The counter offer for the political task previously described was then offered, and the informant intends to reject it when he again sees SENNETT on July 15, next.

On June 9, 1953, the informant advised that CHARLES MITCHELL, District No. 8, Communist Party, Trade Union Leader, confidentially told the informant that he had been instructed by the District Board of the Party to be ready to go underground by July 1, 1953. Through this lead, fusions were conducted on MITCHELL, and a bank account was located in his name which contained over \$5,000.00 in funds, most of which had been deposited in the last few months. It is believed that this is a Communist Party fund maintained for use by the underground.

MITCHELL's departure was delayed due to illness, and he is presently in a

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local hospital. The informant maintains a close contact with MITCHELL, and it is hoped additional details concerning his assignment may be obtained. In the meantime, Bureau authority for contact with MITCHELL for possible informant development was asked and obtained. However, for security reasons MITCHELL has not been contacted, and whether or not he will be contacted depends entirely on whether it will be possible to adequately cover the informant.

In addition to the above, the informant has cultivated a close personal relationship with SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, Communist Party national functionary underground, for approximately two and one-half years. The purpose of his contacts with SUE KLING, in addition to securing current information concerning her husband and others, is to use KLING, who the informant knows has a communication system to her husband. It will be recalled that the informant while in New York was told he would be contacted regarding assignment by either JACK KLING or PHIL BART, or both, and for that reason the informant believes his rather frequent contacts with SUE KLING will be reported to her husband, and that this might hasten the informant's contacts with the underground leadership.

The informant additionally maintains his regular contact with Dr. SOLOMON PEARLMAN, Communist Party doctor in the Chicago area, with MILTON and SUE COHEN, leading Hyde Park Communists, and with PHILLIP KOSSOFF, Communist Party Professional Organizer. District organizational information is obtained from these sources, who are among the best informed persons in the district. The informant can at any time enlarge his contacts; however, at this time it has been agreed that such practice might be construed by the Communist Party as a violation of security regulations.

During the pertinent period the informant has been contacted by telephone twice daily, and personally at least once a week. He continues to furnish a large volume of quality information on individuals primarily in leadership, both of a current and biographical nature.

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In the pertinent period, the informant has furnished information both of a current and background nature on approximately fifty additional persons. The informant through contacts with SENNETT, MITCHELL and others, has supplied this office with information concerning Communist Party activity, Communist Party local leadership, Communist Party strategy in industry, Communist

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activities in the farm equipment workers union and in the packing industry. In addition, the informant reported on July 1, 1953 that all Communist units in industry have been placed on a security basis.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In the opinion of this office, the informant continues to make slow but steady progress in his efforts to place himself at a level in the national leadership of the Party, where eventually he will be in a position to positively assist the Bureau in reaching key underground personnel and Smith Act subjects. In evaluating the potential of this informant, consideration must also be given to the potential of NY 694-S, in that both individuals are working together, and the reactivation of NY 694-S would almost immediately follow in the event CG 5824-S assumes important tasks. In that connection it should be noted that NY 694-S is presently in Canada, attempting to make contacts there to determine whether or not Smith Act subjects are possibly hiding out in Canada.

Concerning the present efforts of the Chicago informant and his future in the Party, it is pointed out that his efforts have been made more difficult because all of his close friends in national leadership, including such individuals as EUGENE DENNIS, are now in jail.

There is every indication, however, that the informant has now established all necessary contacts for reactivation. There are no more influential people in the open Party today than WILLIAM WEINER and BETTY GANNETT, and the informant has definite assurances from both of them that he has been assigned nationally, and WEINER stated on July 1, 1953 that he has "definite assurance of quick action to normalize" informant's situation.

The informant, as a result of his inability to see the necessary underground people for assignment, after long consideration decided to take the radical action he took in writing to GANNETT and WEINER in the letters above referred to. This treatment by the Party leadership has caused the informant to become even more determined than ever to assist the Bureau.

Every possible approach to the reactivation problem has been explored and weighed in discussions between the agent and the informant, and the conclusion arrived at is that patience must now be had in view of the present internal and security situation in the Party itself. This is particularly true at the present time in order that sufficient time will be allowed for the reaction of GANNETT and WEINER to the informant's letters to be ascertained, and to determine whether or not the informant's complaints will bring results in the form of contacts by underground leadership.

In reviewing the informant's efforts over the past year, the only conclusion that can be reached is that he is highly regarded in the Party. Otherwise

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no Communist, in leadership particularly, would speak to him, much less commit themselves and go out of their way in attempting to assist the informant in reactivation. In that connection, it should be noted that in May, 1953 GANNETT actually suggested that the informant should take on certain tasks within the district. Subsequently the district leadership offered the informant certain other tasks that in effect allowed the informant to work with many available personnel in the district. It is pointed out that neither GANNETT nor the District No. 8 leadership would make these offers unless the informant was trusted and highly regarded.

There is every indication now that the informant will receive assignment soon. He is intelligent and clever enough to handle any situation that might arise in connection with the reactivation efforts.

With regard to current information being furnished by the informant, it is believed that few, if any other, informants of the Bureau are in a position to duplicate his present services on the overall Party picture, organizationally and politically, at the present time. Much more important results are expected once the informant has succeeded in making his underground connections. A typical example of the quality of information that the informant is capable of furnishing is that concerning the assignment of CHARLES MITCHELL to the Party underground, which information was furnished over three weeks before MITCHELL was scheduled to depart.

The informant's health has deteriorated to some extent during the past month, due possibly to the heat, and also to the tension he is under. However, the informant continues to function on a daily basis and never misses an appointment with the agent or any contacts he is scheduled to meet. His overall attitude continues to be excellent, and the recent events in East Germany and the "HERIA" case in Russia have tended to confirm his convictions that Communism must be crushed.

Much of the work of the informant in establishing a solid base for re-activation consists of letter-writing, reading of every Communist publication, both nationally and internationally, and developing close personal ties with Communists in leadership by virtue of doing small humanitarian things. Each movement is carefully thought out by the informant and discussed with the agent.

The letters to GANNETT and WEINER required three days to rough draft, re-draft, and to complete the final draft. In these matters the informant has had long experience, and each word and sentence carries an important message. His humanitarian overtures cover a broad field; for example, the informant sent the grandson of WILLIAM WEINER an art set because he knew WEINER was interested in the arts and would look on the gift as a personal gesture of intimate friendship. Another example concerns SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, previously described. On July 2 and 3, 1953, and previously, the informant has had contact with KLING, inviting her to his residence to spend the night on the pretext

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that he was interested in manuscripts on two books she is writing, and wanted to make criticisms and assist her in finding a publisher. KLING has taken kindly to the informant's apparent personal interest in her writings, and the informant is certain that she makes these matters known to JACK KLING, who, according to GANNETT, is supposedly to contact the informant concerning assignment.

The informant's numerous humanitarian efforts to the children of missing functionaries, in that he supplies them with shoes, clothing, etc., certainly does not go unnoticed by these functionaries and their wives, and it is believed that these efforts will in time pay off.

Reference Chicago letters submitted bi-weekly have additional detailed specific information as to the scope and quality of the information furnished by the informant during the pertinent period.

On the basis of the excellent information furnished by this informant during the past three months, and particularly in view of his potential as a result of commitments received by him in May and again on July 1, 1953, it is recommended the services of this informant be continued for an additional six months, beginning on August 1, 1953 at the rate of \$800.00 per month to be used in the following manner: \$600.00 for living expenses, including payment on his automobile; \$100.00 per month for miscellaneous expenses, including entertainment, ordinary travel and literature; \$100.00 per month for payments on the large indebtedness the informant incurred during his illness.

In view of the proven ability of this informant to furnish information of quality during the past year, and also in view of the apparent definite commitments of the National Office to assign the informant in the near future, the Bureau is also requested to advise this office whether the bi-weekly summaries concerning this informant can be submitted hereafter on a monthly basis.

The work of this informant will continue to be closely supervised, and the Bureau will be advised of all important developments. Inasmuch as the writing of this letter closely coincides with the due date on the regular bi-weekly summary letter of July 15, 1953, this letter is intended to include the reactivation efforts for the period of July 2 through July 13, 1953.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46-172

FROM : SA Carl N. Heyman

SUBJECT: Q9 5824-S  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

DATE: 7/20/53Date of contact: 7/20/53 phoneFiles on Which Contacted: 100-18016 (cha. Mitchell)Information Received: 100 - Joe & Milt Cohen100-8588 (M. L. Scherer)

1. Negative

✓ 2. Positive

① Info as to Mitchell's whereabouts.  
 ② Info obtained from 7/18-19/53 visit  
 to Milt (then at. 5824-Rs.)  
 including info on 77 individuals

100 - Milt Cohen  
100 - Joe Clark  
100 - Frank Mucci  
100 - Lois Mucci

Action taken on information received:

To be disseminated -

100 - Paul Vogel  
100 - 3960 Wm. J. Hanan  
100 - 125

Copy for other files:

100 - Sarah Heyman  
100 - Joe Gibbons  
100 - L.Y.L.

Personal Data:  
(Change in Residence,  
employment, etc.)

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)

FROM : SA Case II - Edelman

SUBJECT: CG-5824-S

CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR - PCT

DATE: 7/17/53

Date of Contact: 7/17/53 - personal

Files on Which Contacted: 100-15804 (Cha. B. Harris), 100-27069 (Rosenblum), 100-14714 (VUKELICH)

Information Received:

1. Negative  but was photo

2. Positive 100-14714 (VUKELICH)

Action Taken on Information Received:

Noted in  
100-15804,  
100-27069,  
100-14714 -

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Personal Data:  
 (Change in Residence,  
 employment, etc.)

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46 (137-46) DATE: 7/21/53

FROM : SA Paul M. Freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT GR-~~PER~~

Date of contact: 7/21/53 by phone

Files on Which Contacted: 100-18061

Information Received: 100-21222 (CP and grad  
100-14652 Jas Keller

1. Negative

✓2. Positive

Action taken on information received: To be assessed

Copy for other files:

Personal Data:  
(Change in Residence,  
employment, etc.)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46 (137- ) DATE: 7/21  
FROM : SA P. N. Freeman  
SUBJECT: 9882405  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of contact: 7/21 by phone  
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Date of contact: 7/2/77  
Files on Which Contacted: 100-18016  
100. Harry I Miller.

Information Received:

- 1. Negative
- ✓ 2. Positive

2. Positive  
Mitchell to see in 1:30 P.M.  
Miller called [redacted] on 7/20  
will be back from Canada  
& wants more Jars.

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Action taken on information received: *to be disseminated*

Copy for other files: A 134-46

Personal Data:  
(Change in Residence,  
employment, etc.)

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SAC,

July 21, 1953

SA, CARL N. FREYMAN

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa  
PEARL JACKSON COOPER  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ATT: SA [redacted]

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On July 17, 1953 the photos of the subject were displayed to CG 5824-S by the writer and informant advised that he could not identify her as a communist from the Chicago area.

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cc. 134-46 ✓

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46 ) DATE: 7/22/53  
FROM : SA Paul N. Folyan  
SUBJECT: CG 5824-S  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of contact: 7/22/53 by phone

Files on Which Contacted: 134-46-1

Information Received: 134-707694-S

1. Negative

2. Positive

100-191 2 9 strong

Action taken on information received: Ac. in 134-46-177

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Personal Data:  
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employment, etc.)

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- STENO SUP.
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AIR-TEL

NEW YORK 7/21/53

BUREAU

NY 694-8. REB CHICAGO AIR-TEL 7/17/53. REQUEST CHI AGO

CONTINUE TRANSMITTING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY CG 5024-S FROM

NY 694-8. FOR SECURITY REASONS NY 694-8 WHILE IN CANADA

WILL NOT CONTACT NYC UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

BOARDMAN

3-BUREAU (100-340711) (REGULAR MAIL)  
1-CHICAGO (134-46) (AIR MAIL)

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46 (137- ) DATE: 7/23/53  
 FROM : SA C.H. Freeman  
 SUBJECT: CG 5824-S  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT ORIGINI

Date of contact: 7/23/53 Personal  
 Procedure  
 Files on Which Contacted: 100-22830 - Edent Midwest  
CP. Long leaders.

Information Received: 100-18016 Mitchell  
 1. Negative 100-25696, 100- See Cohen.  
100-Hy HAMMER  
 2. Positive 100-21478, 100- See Schenck  
100-CP. People & Par.  
100-5867  
100-27541  
100- 18953  
100-18953

Action taken on information received: For Desecration

Copy for other files: RECORDED

Personal Data:  
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 employment, etc.)

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TO : SAC

DATE: July 24, 1953

FROM : SA CARL N. FREYMAN

SUBJECT: CG-5824-S

On July 15, 1953, CG-5824-S telephonically advised the writer that he met with WILLIAM SENNETT, Open District 8 Organizer, on that date at the Cloverleaf Restaurant, 194th and South Parkway, Chicago. Informant advised that the meeting was held under very unfavorable circumstances because SENNETT believed he spotted a Bureau agent observing the meeting. Discussion lasted one hour and forty-five minutes and this memorandum will only cover that part of the meeting which pertains to informant's status.

Informant advised that he diplomatically told SENNETT that he had considered the proposition for work with the District on a program and candidates for the Chicago Municipal Elections of 1954 and had decided that he must refuse the assignment. He stated that he was not certain that the "center" wanted him to meet people openly and further that he did not believe that the "center" wanted him to use his limited energy for such work.

SENNETT told informant that he agreed that informant should not be doing that type of work but that he in effect was only a "messenger" on this matter and had not disagreed with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT when LIGHTFOOT made the suggestion. Informant told SENNETT that LIGHTFOOT had made a bad mistake of judgment in suggesting the assignment and that he wanted SENNETT to so tell him. SENNETT excused LIGHTFOOT's conduct by stating that the decision was hurriedly arrived at when LIGHTFOOT and the "other person" decided that cadre training as originally suggested was not possible at this time. He said that LIGHTFOOT realized that informant might object and made the offer more or less because he wanted informant to do something until his duties are clarified.

SENNETT then told informant that communications between the "center" and the District are very slow. (Informant as a result of this comment stated that he does not believe the District has received any notice of the intentions of the National

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Office for informant's work as of the present time.

SENNETT told informant that he is vacationing for two weeks beginning July 17 and the first week in August will go directly to New York without returning to Chicago after the vacation period. He told informant that he would be in contact with him the second week in August.

SENNETT gave informant issue four of "Party Voice" issued by the New York District Communist Party for study and interpretation.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46 (137) DATE: 7/27/53

FROM : SA C.N. Freymann

SUBJECT: 095824-S  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of contact: 7/27/53 by phone

Files on Which Contacted: 100-125

## Information Received:

1. Negative

✓2. Positive

Action taken on information received: for dissemination

Copy for other files: 134-46

Personal Data:  
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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46 (137-46) DATE: 7/28

FROM : SA Carl N. Ziegler

SUBJECT: CG 58  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of contact: 7/28/53

Files on Which Contacted: 100-125-

## Information Received:

1. Negative

2. Positive

*Info. Re. New. CP. and Rus.  
Articles for possible Top Sec  
use.  
No New. from NY.*

## Action taken on information received:

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Personal Data:  
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employment, etc.)

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TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)

~~FROM :~~ Director, FBI (61-7665)

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

DATE: July 28, 1953

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Reurlet dated July 17, 1953.

Based on your personal recommendation, authority is granted to continue the services of captioned informant and reimburse him for an additional period of six months, effective August 1, 1953, at the rate of \$800 per month to be used in the following manner: \$600 for living expenses, including payments on his automobile; \$100 per month for miscellaneous expenses, including entertainment, ordinary travel and literature; \$100 per month for payments on the large indebtedness the informant incurred during his illness.

In connection with your request that your office be permitted to submit summaries of information furnished by CG 5824-S on a monthly rather than biweekly basis, it is believed that these summaries should continue to be submitted by you on a biweekly basis during this period of attempted reactivation on the part of the informant.

It is noted that you intend to continue the close supervision being afforded this informant and the Bureau must be kept advised of all important developments in this matter.

Two weeks prior to the expiration of the above-authorized period you should submit an informative summary, together with your recommendation for a continuation of the above arrangement.

*E.S.  
Ogden Seiler*

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46 (137) DATE: 7/29/53

FROM : SA R. H. Tugman

SUBJECT: CG 824-S  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT - ORE

Date of contact: 7/29/53 by phone

Files on Which Contacted: 100-125

## Information Received:

1. Negative
2. Positive

Info. from NY 694-S re  
Canadian Trip -  
Also, 100-27630 - Tel from Fred  
Schaefer.

Action taken on information received: To be  
Assesmed

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Personal Data:  
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SAC

July 31, 1953

SA CARL N. FREYMAN

OLIVER WATTERS, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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ATTENTION: SA [redacted]

Reference memo 7/15/53 requesting contact with CG 5824-S.

Informant was contacted on July 17, 1953 and orally advised the writer that he could not recall subject by name but believes that if a photo was shown and if he was a member of the CP, that he will recall him.

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100-27434

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August 3, 1953

ATTENTION: SA JOHN LANGTRY  
SA CARL N. FREYMAN



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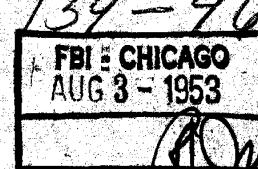
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On 7/17/53 the writer contacted CG 5824-S concerning the above subject.

Informant orally advised that he did not know subject but would like to see a photograph if it is available.

CNF:HMD  
100-27541

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46 (b7c)

FROM : SA Carl N. Freymann

SUBJECT : CG 5824-S  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of contact: 8-1-53 by phone

Files on Which Contacted: 100-18016

## Information Received:

1. Negative

✓ 2. Positive

Mitchell to have denied at 204  
Res. on 8-4

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Action taken on information received: - closed  
SL [redacted] & do's to be determined after contact

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Personal Data:  
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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46 (137-46) DATE: 7-31-53

FROM : SA O. N. Feyman

SUBJECT: Cy 824-5  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of contact: 7/31/53 personal

## Files on Which Contacted:

Information Received: 100-27640 100-18102  
 1. Negative 27642 100-25757  
17625 ~~100-17625~~  
 2. Positive 100-125-

100-27630

100-Richard Casey

100-17965-2657

100-Sally Frances

Large part of time spent on NY 694-5  
Canadian trip and discussions  
Re. Phila. arrest and effect on CP - 100-2348

Action taken on information received: To be  
disseminated

## Copy for other files:

Personal Data:  
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employment, etc.)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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CG 5824-S

Re Chicago letter July 17, 1953, summarizing the reactivation efforts of CG 5824-S through July 13, 1953. The following is a summary of informant's activities from July 14 through July 28, 1953:

On July 14, 1953, the informant was in contact by telephone with CHARLES MITCHELL, leading CP trade unionist who had previously reported to informant that he had been assigned to go underground on or about July 1, 1953. MITCHELL had been in the hospital and told informant that he would be released on July 15 and would arrange to see informant within the next few days.

On July 21, 1953, informant spent the entire afternoon in MITCHELL's company. MITCHELL told informant that he started attending a business school refresher course on July 20, 1953, and that it would last four weeks. He said that he would be around for a while, but indicated that the CP District Board still contemplates using him. Informant pointedly asked MITCHELL whether or not he, the informant, would be in touch with MITCHELL after he left. MITCHELL told informant that his assignment is "localized" and he would continue to be in touch with informant. The informant concluded from this remark that MITCHELL will probably work underground in the vicinity of Chicago and possibly in Chicago from time to time and therefore could keep in contact with informant. He is also of the opinion that MITCHELL's refresher course is possibly connected with his underground assignment and that his new job may be used as a cover for his real party work.

It will be noted that authority was received for a Bureau contact of MITCHELL, however, this contact was

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cc: (1) NEW YORK (134-91) (REGISTERED MAIL)

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delayed first of all because security of the informant had to be provided for and later because it was felt that MITCHELL's illness might cause a cancellation of assignment. Due to the lapse of time since MITCHELL confided in informant it was believed safe to make the contact and MITCHELL was contacted on July 28, 1953. The conversation lasted about ten minutes and while MITCHELL refused to discuss Party matters with the agent, he nevertheless was not hostile and it is not believed the contact can be regarded as completely negative. His reactions will be closely followed through informant and whether or not a future contact will be made will depend on developments and whether or not he goes underground.

In connection with information obtained by informant from MITCHELL, it has been noted that MITCHELL appears to be breaking off contacts with close Party friends and does not appear to be current on inner Party activities with which he was so familiar previously. The services of the informant, however, have been most valuable in the MITCHELL case, particularly in the timing of the contact and in the method of approach and it is believed that good progress was made for a possible future recontact.

On July 15, 1953, the informant met with WILLIAM SENNETT, GP District #8 open Organizer and talked with him about one hour and forty five minutes. The meeting was held under most unfavorable circumstances, in that SENNETT erroneously thought he was under surveillance by the FBI. SENNETT told informant that he was leaving on vacation on July 17, 1953, for two weeks and would leave directly from his vacation, without returning to Chicago, for New York for a series of conferences during the first week in August.

The informant diplomatically told SENNETT that he would have to reject the proposed district assignment for him to work in the Party program in connection with the 1954 Chicago and Congressional elections. He gave as his reason the fact that he did not believe New York wanted him to work openly and further that he did not feel he should use

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his limited energy for such work when there is more important work to be done. SENNETT was apologetic about suggesting the assignment and told the informant that in proposing the assignment he was operating more or less as a "messenger" for CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, underground District #8 organizer. Informant told SENNETT to tell LIGHTFOOT that in informant's opinion he, LIGHTFOOT, had made a serious mistake in suggesting such an assignment. SENNETT excused LIGHTFOOT's conduct by stating that the decision was hurriedly arrived at when LIGHTFOOT and the "other person" decided that cadre training as originally suggested was not possible at this time. He added that communications between Chicago and New York were bad and attempted to explain the matter away in this manner.

Discussion was held on several local political matters of the District pertaining to trade union work and SENNETT told informant that his primary responsibility is in this field. He gave the informant the June 15, 1953 issue of "Party Voice", issued by the New York District of the CP, for study and interpretation and told informant that he would see him after he returned from New York.

On July 18 and 19, 1953, the informant had MILTON and SUE COHEN, leading Communists in the Hyde Park area of Chicago, as his house guests. Informant had lengthy political discussions with them concerning the Hyde Park Section activities. In addition informant was told that FRANK MUCCI, missing District #8 functionary, is seen by MILTON COHEN from time to time and that MUCCI is quite ill. In that connection, informant was given sufficient information for him to express an opinion that MUCCI and his wife are living in the Hyde Park area. Informant was also told that JOE CLARK, "Daily Worker" correspondent to Moscow, would be in Chicago the first week in August and that one of the meetings to be held during his visit would be attended by most of the Party functionaries who are "around". Considerable information concerning other leading active Hyde Park Communists was also obtained. On July 19, 1953, MILTON COHEN excused himself to attend an "emergency meeting" which he did not further describe to informant.

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The informant appears to have reestablished his connections with MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, leading New York Communists. Information concerning the National CP Organization and the New York District CP is again being obtained. Most of the information is political in nature concerning the "Draft Resolution" and its interpretation. LENA SCHERER, in that connection, furnished valuable information concerning the present status of VITO MARCANTONIO and his American Labor Party and the position of MARCANTONIO in relation to the National CP leadership. From the information furnished by SCHERER, it appears that the CP is willing to liquidate the A.L.P. in New York in connection with the municipal elections, and will support the Liberal Party candidate though the Liberal Party has made no commitments to the CP.

In addition to the above, the informant has furnished a complete analysis of the Final "Draft Resolution" that appears in the July, 1953 issue of "Political Affairs". This analysis is being set forth by separate letter as it relates to every phase of Party work in connection with the development of the "United Front" Program and will be of great value to the Bureau and the Field in connection with investigations necessary as a result of the New Party Program.

Informant has also analyzed the JOHN SWIFT article appearing in the July, 1953 issue of "Political Affairs" relative to CP Strategy in Industry. This article concretizes the party program in the trade unions in the light of the new Party tactics in the Trade Union Field. Informant interprets this article as speaking with the authority of the Party for trade union work and of even greater importance, this article is interpreted by informant to mean that friction now exists between two factions of Party leadership in the underground over the proper course for the CP to follow in this country.

These analyses of the informant have been carefully followed in the past and have proven to be accurate and of great value in connection with the work of this office. For example, the informant many months before the development of the "United Front" Program, said that it would come and it did. In that connection the informant made suggestions as to how the Bureau might use the changing Party line to

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advance its informants in the Party. These suggestions were submitted for Bureau consideration and while the suggestions were rejected, the line of the Party was correctly stated by informant and it is possible that in the future similar suggestions might be extremely valuable since the accuracy of informant's information is now established.

It will be recalled that informant, in early July, 1953, dispatched two letters to WILLIAM WEINER and BETTY GANNETT of the National CP Office which were extremely pointed in nature relative to informant's dissatisfaction with present arrangements between him and the National CP Office. These letters were delivered to NY 694-S on July 8, 1953.

It will also be recalled that NY 694-S left New York on July 9, 1953, for a vacation in Canada to extend through July 25, 1953. Incident thereto, NY 694-S was to attempt to contact Canadian CP leaders with whom NY 694-S and CG 5824-S were well acquainted to renew contacts and at the same time determine, if possible, whether Smith Act subjects are in Canada.

CG 5824-S had correspondence with NY 694-S during this trip and on July 27, 1953, spoke with the New York informant by telephone. The details of this trip will be furnished by New York, however, CG 5824-S was told that NY 694-S saw the most important CP leaders in Canada, except TIM BUCK. NY 694-S was cordially received and described his trip as successful. He brought greetings to CG 5824-S from the wife of SAM CARR and one of the leaders who had recently been in Russia brought greetings to informant from Professor MINZ, author of the "C.P.S.U." under whom informant studied and with whom he visited in Moscow in 1947. Arrangements were also made for Mrs. SAM CARR to correspond with CG 5824-S and this is considered important by informant because SAM CARR will be out of jail in about four months.

Since NY 694-S has not been available to obtain the reply mail of WEINER and GANNETT, the reaction of these individuals to informant's letter is not known at this time. NY 694-S, on July 27, 1953, advised the informant that he would make the contacts during that week.

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NY 694-S will be in Chicago on business beginning about August 17, 1953, at which time the entire program relative to informant's reactivation will be thoroughly discussed with both individuals. Any suggestions for additional contacts or action will be carefully evaluated and acted upon.

The past two weeks have seen key contacts of informant such as WILLIAM SENNETT, HARRY MILLER, and PHIL KOSOFF unavailable for contact due to vacations. It is expected that these contacts will be renewed following the vacation period.

EVALUATION AND FUTURE PLANS

The informant continues to display an excellent mental attitude toward the Bureau. His optimism toward reactivation at a high national level also continues and while he is impatient, he feels certain that he has laid all the necessary ground work and will be contacted by the underground.

He looks forward to the receipt of reply letters from GANNETT and WEINER because he feels that he will then definitely be able to judge what they have in mind for him regarding specific work. He also knows that WILLIAM SENNETT will return from New York and conversations with GANNETT and feels that he should have instructions for the District leadership concerning use of the informant.

It appears that vacation time is being utilized by the Party and that this may to a degree have cause deferment of contact.

The informant continues to furnish excellent information concerning District #8 and the National Office and background information on individuals in the underground at all levels. His services are such that his value cannot be duplicated by any informant in this area and possibly nationally.

It is hoped that the next month will bring definite developments relative to reactivation because it is felt that the ground work has been laid to bring these results.

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CG 5824-S

Until such time as communications are received from GANNETT and WEINER and reactions are evaluated, it has been agreed that no additional positive steps should be taken.

The informant's health has improved during the past week and it is hoped that this improvement will continue.

The Bureau will be advised of all developments.

One copy of this letter is designated for New York since NY 694-S is mentioned.

Director, FBI (100-340711)

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On 7/28/53 and 8/1/53, NY-694-S furnished SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON the following information concerning his recent trip to Toronto, Canada, from which he returned on 7/25/53.

His first contact in Toronto was with JACK COWAN, with whom he had corresponded concerning the contemplated trip to Canada. COWAN, a close associate in the past of SAM CARR of the Canadian espionage ring, presently operates the "Overseas Travel Agency", 762 Bathurst St., Toronto, and the "World Trading Corporation", located at the same address. The latter company is presently doing business with Eastern Germany and Poland. COWAN has been in Europe on eight occasions during the past three years. Poland and German and Czechoslovakia were countries he visited on these trips.

Although COWAN was most cordial in his reception of NY-694-S, he waited several days before taking the informant to meet various CP functionaries. During this time he accompanied NY-694-S while the latter made various business contacts, and seemed quite impressed by the reception accorded the informant by various Canadian business firms. COWAN was inquisitive to know the informant's status in the Party and whether or not the latter had been contacted by the FBI. The informant answered his questions to COWAN'S satisfaction and the latter then arranged contacts for NY-694-S with various CP functionaries and others known to the informant in the past as associated with SAM CARR.

The informant was taken by COWAN to meet the following individuals: PAUL HILLIPS, national CP functionary in charge of Canadian CP finances, personnel and language groups; NORMAN FREED, national functionary in charge of CP educational work, and currently active in connection with the "educational phase" of the Canadian national election campaign; LESLIE MORRIS, national functionary, who recently returned to Canada after having been the Canadian CP delegate to the 19th Russian Party Conference; "HANK" (HENRY) HARRIS, co-worker and long-time associate of SAM CARR; and JULIE CARR, wife of SAM CARR.

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PHILLIPS' mentioned above, is in NY-694-S's opinion, JACK COWAN'S CP superior. FREED, also mentioned above, is SAM CARM'S brother-in-law. In 1937, according to the informant, FREED was Canadian CP representative to the Comintern in Moscow. It is anticipated that in the near future, FREED will again go to Moscow as Canadian CP representative.

PAUL PHILLIPS

The following information was obtained by NY-694-S as a result of contacts with PAUL PHILLIPS. COWAN was present at these meetings and furnished jointly with PHILLIPS some of the information set forth hereinafter.

PHILLIPS indicated that he had seen the correspondence between NY-694-S and COWAN, and that he was aware of the various business contacts that the informant had made in Toronto before meeting PHILLIPS. The informant gained the impression that during his first few days in Toronto, COWAN had accompanied him on business trips to be certain that the informant actually was in Toronto for the reasons he had given, and to report thereon to those whom the informant was to meet thereafter.

After questioning NY-694-S concerning various American CP activities, and inquiring about the present health and activities of CC 5824-S, PHILLIPS became inquisitive about whether NY-694-S had been contacted by the FBI. From the nature of PHILLIPS' remarks, NY-694-S felt intuitively that to state he had not been contacted would have made PHILLIPS and COWAN suspicious of him and consequently reticent to discuss CP affairs with him. The informant told PHILLIPS and COWAN in an off-hand manner that the FBI had approached him "long ago", and that he had rebuffed the FBI Agents in no uncertain terms, telling them that he would have nothing to do with them, and that as a legitimate business man, whose operations were open to their inspection, he had nothing to fear from them. COWAN and PHILLIPS apparently were pleased and convinced after NY-694-S's recital of the alleged contact by the FBI, for PHILLIPS thereafter mentioned the following matters:

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The Canadian CP has been unable, for the past three months, to make contact for political purposes with the American CP. During the aforesaid period, they have been waiting for a woman, name undisclosed, to arrive from the United States. Every-day, at a particular time and place, a representative of the Canadian CP awaits the arrival of this woman, and will continue to do so until she makes contact. PHILLIPS requested that NY-694-S contact WILLIAM Z. FOSTER or BETTY GANNETT to report the Canadian CP's displeasure at the delay, and to suggest that better liaison be arranged.

PHILLIPS then stated that he would like to send an important document, the Canadian CP opinion of "the draft resolution of the American CP" to the American Party through NY-694-S, and also an "urgent message" to American CP leaders. He inquired whether NY-694-S "had been cleared" for such an assignment.

The informant, realizing that PHILLIPS might know that he had not been "cleared" for the said assignment, and not wishing to appear too anxious to undertake this mission, told PHILLIPS that he was not so "cleared", that he was in Toronto merely on a business and vacation trip, and would prefer that other channels be used at that time for transmission of the document and the message. The informant, however, stated that, as PHILLIPS and COWAN could observe, his business would require his going back and forth to Canada, particularly to Toronto, and that if given proper clearance, he would be glad to function as a courier for the Canadian CP whenever he might be leaving Canada for the U.S.A.

PHILLIPS very earnestly requested the informant to obtain necessary authority for such operations from either WILLIAM Z. FOSTER or BETTY GANNETT. The informant told PHILLIPS he anticipated returning to Toronto in the near future, and would seek such authority from FOSTER or GANNETT, telling them he was doing so at PHILLIPS request, and at the same time asking them whether they had any message which they desired to be taken to Canada.

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PHILLIPS exhibited considerable interest in NY-694-S's business firm, and indicated that COWAN had "briefed" him with respect to the nature of the product manufactured by NY-694-S, and concerning the various Canadian firms, including the Canadian Industries Limited (Du Pont Co.), with which NY-694-S does business.

PHILLIPS said that the Canadian CP would like to set up in Toronto a Canadian subsidiary of NY-694-S's business for the purpose of providing SAM CARR, when he is released from prison, with a means of livelihood outside the CP. SAM CARR, according to PHILLIPS, has considerable photographic knowledge, and he felt that NY-694-S's business, which is a photographic lamp business, would interest CARR. With respect to CARR, PHILLIPS stated that SAM is scheduled to leave prison on 9/10/53, his sentence having been commuted in accordance with "the Queen's" amnesty order. SAM has informed his wife JULIA and others that upon his release from prison, he intends to resume his CP activities. This is not in accord with the Party's desire, for the Party feels that for SAM at this time to resume the role of a CP functionary would be most embarrassing to the Party. According to PHILLIPS, before CARR became a fugitive in 1946 he sent an open letter, published in the press, to the Party tendering his resignation from the Party, and exonerating the Party from any connection with CARR'S illegal activities. For him at this time, therefore, to rejoin the Party openly would be construed as an admission by the Party that it actually was involved in CARR'S illegal operations, according to PHILLIPS.

SAM has caused the Party considerable concern by stating that he will resume his former Party role, that he will leave the prison by the front gate, and hold a press conference outside the prison gates. He was quoted by PHILLIPS as saying "I will leave with my head high, and both my wife and my son will be at the gate to meet me". The Party has attempted to prevail upon CARR to leave the prison by the rear gate, but CARR is adamant in his refusal to do so. PHILLIPS comment on the situation was, "The Party wants no fanfare, or opening of old scores".

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For the above reasons, therefore, according to PHILLIPS, the Party would like to set up the subsidiary company mentioned above. CARR could operate as a salesman for the company and would use the name "CAROL". The company would be so established that there would be no apparent link between CARR and NY-694-S. The informant was offered \$2,500 by PHILLIPS as a guarantee of good faith and in part payment for whatever products he might send the as yet non-existent company.

COWAN suggested that his company, the World Trading Corporation, be used as the Canadian distributor of NY-694-S's products, and that CARR be on the payroll of the said company. PHILLIPS opposed this suggestion on the grounds that since the World Trading Corporation is known to deal with satellite countries, it would be dangerous for NY-694-S's company to become associated in any way with the said World Trading Corporation. He suggested that some other unknown C controlled firm become the Canadian distributor of NY-694-S's products.

NY-694-S advised PHILLIPS that he could make no commitments regarding the matter at that time inasmuch as he would have to discuss the matter with his business partner, who, of course, could not be informed of the true nature of the operation, but would be told that it was "simply another business transaction".

PHILLIPS begged NY-694-S to expedite the matter, and requested that the informant send to him immediately all literature available concerning NY-694-S's business. If possible, PHILLIPS, stated, he wants "everything set up and ready at the time of SAM'S release".

PHILLIPS stated that the Party in no way wishes to offend or antagonize SAM CARR, for it considers him an important and valuable man. The "situation" according to PHILLIPS, involves only "the immediate future"; the crux of the matter is that it is not politically expedient at the moment to have CARR openly associated with the Party.

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A similar situation, PHILLIPS said, exists in Montreal with respect to FRED ROSE. When he was released from prison he engaged in a lamp business with a CP member as a partner. For a while the business thrived, but lately it is not so prosperous. During the past few months, ROSE has been chafing at the bit, desiring to return to active CP operations. He is quite upset and annoyed because the Party will not allow him to assume any important Party role.

Concerning the proposed subsidiary company above mentioned, PHILLIPS asked whether NY-694-S thought employment in the company could be given to "an important Party guy who is coming back to Canada soon". When NY-694-S asked who this person was, PHILLIPS, leaning toward NY-694-S, whispered, "LORDE BARRINGER, who was our border guard, and who worked with SONNAR of Buffalo".

According to the informant the above information is of considerable significance. SONNAR is believed to be JOHN JEAN SONNAR, Buffalo CP functionary in the past, now missing, subject of Bufile 100-349996. Said SONNAR is the husband of SARA KAZZ SONNAR (Bufile 62-9804) who accompanied CUS HALL to Mexico on his flight from the U.S.

In mentioning BARRINGER, PHILLIPS also stated that BARRINGER has been connected with "transport work". A review of the indices of the NYU reflected only one reference to a GEORGE BARRINGER. In the May, 1949 edition of "Shop News", official organ of Local 450, UEMWA, CIO, on page 3 thereof, appeared the following:

"The Nassau-Suffolk CIO Council, whose activities have been suspended for the past year and a half was reactivated on 7/12/49. The first meeting was held in Local 450's Jamaica Union Hall, and was attended by delegates from Long Island Locals of the Transport Workers, United Auto Workers, Wholesale and Retail Clerks, and the U.R."

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The article, referring to the election of officers at the meeting, stated that "GORDON BARRINGER of Local 252, TWU, was elected to the Council Executive Board for one year".

This information regarding BARRINGER as a former Canadian border guard, controlled by the CP, recalled to NY-694-S the occasion when news of the exposure of the Canadian espionage apparatus reached the U.S. At the time, NY-694-S was in a hotel in NY with SAM CARR and several other CP members. CARR, upon hearing the news, said "I'm glad about one thing, I never gave the Russians my border contacts". The informant now believes that CARR had reference to BARRINGER and SOMMER.

It is to be noted that a possibility exists that PHILLIPS expressed purpose in setting up a subsidiary company as above described is not his real purpose. BARRINGER'S past activities apparently are not known in Canada, and the proposed association of BARRINGER with the subsidiary company might indicate its use as a cover company.

In connection with this matter, the informant desires that the Bureau advise as soon as possible whether or not he should enter into this arrangement as proposed by PHILIPS, and also that CG-5824-S be informed with respect thereto by the Chicago Office, and his opinion concerning the advisability of negotiating with PHILIPS obtained. The informant personally believes that he has the complete confidence of the Canadian CP and that an arrangement as proposed by PHILIPS could be productive of important information of interest to the Bureau.

Another matter in which, according to PHILLIPS, the Canadian CP is currently very interested, is the status of RUDY BAKER, former head of the illegal CP apparatus in the U.S. and Canada. BAKER reportedly is in Yugoslavia, and ostensibly close to the Tito regime, according to PHILLIPS. PHILLIPS told NY-694-S that the Canadian CP knew that when BAKER left for Yugoslavia, he was contacted by FBI Agents; that his wife LILLIAN, who is very talkative, told the Agents that she was very sorry she had to leave the U.S. and go where she was going.

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NY-694-S told PHILLIPS that he did not doubt BAKER is close to TITO, for recently, according to CG-5824-S, a picture of BAKER, standing near TITO at a public function, appeared in a newspaper. The informant also told PHILLIPS that at the time of BAKER'S departure, he, NY-694-S, on Party instructions, gave BAKER \$800 for steamship passage for BAKER and the latter's family. The informant told PHILLIPS that if at that time the Party had not been certain of BAKER'S loyalty, it would not have given him \$800 in passage money.

PHILLIPS then explained the CP's current interest in BAKER. He said that since World War II ended, approximately 2000 Canadian CP members and sympathizers have gone to Yugoslavia of whom about 600 returned to Canada. The said 600 are believed to have returned because they were not in sympathy with TITO. Many others are attempting to go back to Canada. Those remaining in Yugoslavia constitute the nucleus of a large, underground movement in Yugoslavia. PHILLIPS knows this by reason of the Canadian CP's having contact with "responsible people" in Yugoslavia. The aforementioned underground movement is "biding its time" and awaiting developments. The important question, therefore, is whether the underground can trust BAKER; whether he is playing a role in Yugoslavia at the direction of the CP in the U.S., or whether he actually is a convert to Titoism, and therefore not one to whom the underground could turn for assistance. PHILLIPS stressed the importance and urgent necessity of the Canadian CP's learning the truth with regard to BAKER, and requested that NY-694-S obtain for him the required information.

NY-694-S promised PHILLIPS that immediately upon his return to the U.S., he would request CG-5824-S to ascertain, through leading CP functionaries in a position to know, the status of BAKER, particularly at the time of his departure from the U.S. The Chicago Office is requested to advise CG-5824-S of this matter and furnish NY with whatever information he may secure.

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Referring to the 600 Canadians who returned from Yugoslavia, PHILLIPS said that the [ ] is watching this group very closely, and is attempting "to exploit them", that is, the [ ] is seeking to win them over, and to have them re-enter the CP as informants for the [ ]

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For this reason the Party will not permit these 600 persons to return to the Party. It desires to remain friendly with them, however.

PHILLIPS then mentioned an individual, who, he said, was known in the U.S. and Canada as "KLEIN" or KLINE (spelling is not PHILLIPS, but informant's). When things "became hot" in the U.S., "KLEIN" or "KLINE" was hidden by the CP in Canada for ten years. Subsequently this individual went to Yugoslavia when TITO seized power, and became Yugoslavia Ambassador to Bulgaria. He was later removed from that position because of a "too soft" attitude toward the Bulgarians.

After mentioning JOHN LAUTNER, former Communist who has testified on various occasions against Smith Act subjects, and stating that LAUTNER should have been treated more roughly by the American CP, PHILLIPS stated that there is little if any infiltration into the Canadian CP. Their leadership, he said, is above suspicion, since all have known one another and the details of one another's lives for more than fifteen years. PHILLIPS boasted that the Canadian CP has many ways of knowing when Party members are approached either by the [ ] or the FBI. He did not discuss approaches by the [ ] but mentioned an alleged case of a Party member in Windsor, Ontario, who was approached by the FBI. According to PHILLIPS, this individual was offered sixty dollars per week to furnish the FBI with information concerning Canadian CP members who crossed the border and returned. PHILLIPS said that this individual immediately reported the FBI contact and offer to the Toronto Office of the CP.

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With respect to operations of both the [redacted] and local police, PHILLIPS stated that the Party is often alerted to various planned activities of these organizations by a careful study of their appropriations. He also indicated that there are many Communists in government service through whom information is obtained.

PHILLIPS also mentioned that the Party suspects any individual who expresses a willingness to take a day off from his work to assist in minor CP functions or campaigns. He cited as an example two individuals, names undisclosed, whom the Party "soon will pounce upon" because they have taken time off from work to assist in the current election campaign in Canada, and because they have loaned their automobiles to the Party for use in the said election campaign.

PHILLIPS was anxious that NY-694-S see TIM BUCK before leaving Toronto. BUCK at the time was enroute from the West Coast to Toronto. NY-694-S not wishing to seem too concerned about meeting BUCK, said that he was on a vacation and business trip, and owed it to his family to spend some time with them. (The informant's family was at a hotel 100 miles out of Toronto, and NY-694-S travelled back and forth every day to keep appointments with CP functionaries in Toronto). He told PHILLIPS that, inasmuch as he would probably be in Toronto again soon, he would see TIM BUCK on his next trip. PHILLIPS said that TIM BUCK is a very busy man, but that busy as he is, he would certainly make time to see NY-694-S.

JACK COWAN

The informant's first discussion of a confidential nature with COWAN occurred after COWAN apparently was sure that NY-694-S was trustworthy, and after COWAN had obtained the permission of PAUL PHILLIPS to talk confidentially to the informant. NY-694-S states that ALICE CITRON, who accompanied him and his family on the Canadian trip, was of great assistance to him in dispelling any doubts that the Canadian CP functionaries may have had initially concerning his trustworthiness. She furnished them with information of interest concerning the ROSENBERG Case,

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and concerning CP, USA political activities, and CP functionaries of interest to the Canadians. The presence of the informant's wife and children at several meetings with CP functionaries also was of considerable assistance, since a "family on vacation" atmosphere was created, which tended to dispel suspicion of the informant's motives in visiting the Canadians.

COWAN and NY-694-S discussed their respective activities since they last met, "and COWAN stated that the 'Overseas Travel Agency' and 'World Trading Corporation', which he operates, do a gross business of approximately \$400,000 per year, the net yield of which is about \$20,000. This profit COWAN does not keep, but turns over to the Canadian CP. He does not need this money because he has an income of \$15,000 per year from real estate holdings.

The "Overseas Travel Agency" is operating under the charter of the defunct "World Tourist" of Canada, which COWAN once operated as an affiliate of "World Tourist" in NY, controlled by JACOB GOLOS. In the operation of the Canadian "World Tourist" COWAN took orders from GOLOS and WILLIAM WINNER, the latter having been in control of CP, USA financial operations.

COWAN mentioned his early acquaintance with NY-694-S in 1936-1938 when COWAN was in NY, associated with SAM MILGROM in Spanish-War recruitment work. (MILGROM is currently head of the IWC, and subject of a deportation order). According to COWAN, MILGROM then frequently travelled from France and Spain to Canadian ports. The informant gained the impression from COWAN'S remarks that MILGROM was travelling on a Canadian passport.

COWAN also referred to the period 1940-1941, when the CP in Canada was illegal, and SAM CARM, TIM BUCK, and STANLEY RYERSON were hiding in NY, and COWAN was their courier and contact man with the Canadian CP. RYERSON, COWAN said, is presently a member of the CP Secretariat in Canada.

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Concerning his "Overseas Travel Agency", COWAN stated that the company specializes in serving CP members, organizations, and sympathizers. On the day of this discussion with NY-694-S he sent thirty delegates to the "World Youth Conference" in Romania. COWAN also does considerable business with non-Party individuals and firms, both Canadian and American. He stated that by making bookings through his company, Americans save considerable money in sales taxes. He referred to the Jewish Fraternal Organization, B'Nai Brith, as one with which he does considerable business.

His business is an excellent cover for contact with CP functionaries, whom he seldom sees on the outside, but who come openly to the office of the "Overseas Travel Agency". His books are "open to inspection", he maintains "a respectable businessman front, and lives in one of the better sections of Toronto. In connection with this matter of CP contacts, COWAN suggested to NY-694-S that the latter "see as few Party people in Canada as possible".

Referring to WILLIAM WEINER, COWAN criticized the latter for being responsible for COWAN'S having been in trouble with the Canadian authorities. He said that when the U.S. Government Agents raided the office of "World Tourist" in NY some years ago, they found checks signed by WEINER, and with the name of COWAN thereon as payee.

NY-694-S, referring to JACOB GOLOS, made a caustic comment concerning the latter's "stupidity" in bringing ELIZABETH BENTLEY into the "World Tourist" operation. COWAN took exception to the informant's remark, stating that "GOLOS was a good man and did a good job". He admitted that GOLOS "might have been fooled" by BENTLEY. COWAN also referred to the fact that during the Spanish Civil War, he and GOLOS, through the "World Tourist" organization in the U.S. and Canada, had sent many men to Spain. After the aforesaid war, COWAN said, "World Tourist", in the U.S. and Canada, went into the "Food Packages for Russia" business. COWAN continued in this business until the beginning of World War II.

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With reference to SAM CARR, COWAN expressed displeasure concerning "SAM'S fleeing and hiding, which made it tough for everybody". The result was, he said, the current Canadian law prohibiting Communists from traveling from Canada to the U.S. CARR, he said, should have remained in Canada "to face the music". HENRY "HANK" HARRIS, who assisted CARR in the latter's operations, remained in Canada, and although convicted in the trial court, was released after appeal, on a technicality. Had SAM remained in Canada, the international notoriety which was a result of SAM'S arrest in the U.S. some years later, and which caused so much embarrassment to the Canadian CP, would have been avoided.

COWAN said that he could not go to the U.S. anymore, that he had attempted to go to the U.S. several years ago via the "Ivy-Lee" (phonetic) Bridge, located in the Thousand Islands area, thinking that he would not be known there. He was stopped by the Canadian authorities, however, and upon admitting his identity was sent back to Canada. Since then, he has made no further attempts to cross the border.

COWAN said the Canadian authorities have a list of thousands of Canadians prohibited from crossing the border. This list includes CP members and members of CP Front Organizations. The CP is aware of the existence of this list, and its members make no attempts to cross either by bridge or plane.

Some, however, have succeeded in crossing by train, which is still possible. The customs authorities checking train passengers apparently do not have the said list, and hence this means of crossing the border is still possible. COWAN, however, does not wish to gamble on his chances of crossing the border in this way.

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COWAN is much disturbed by his inability to travel to, and through the U.S. He would like to go to Mexico, via the U.S., but forbidden travelling through the U.S., he would have to go by a circuitous route by way of Bermuda, British West Indies, etc. He has made at least eight trips to Europe during the past three years, having visited such countries as Russia, Poland and Eastern Germany.

When at the Moscow Economic Conference several years ago, COWAN spoke to the Russians about the "mess" they made in Canada in connection with the Canadian Espionage ring. The Russians told him, "We don't do it that way any more". COWAN said that immediately after the aforementioned "mess" he was approached by the Russians and was asked whether he would work for them. He objected to working for them for the reason that "there were four other groups, all looking for the same thing, all stepping on one another's toes, all bumping into one another". (The informant did not know to whom COWAN was referring in this remark, but it would seem that the various Russian Intelligence Agencies were referred to) COWAN then told the Russians that he would work for them only on the condition that he be "cleared" by the CP. The Russians said that they would not ask for such "clearance", and COWAN then declined to work for them.

COWAN then asked NY-94-S whether the latter remembered AUBE TZERKO and TZERKO'S wife. These individuals, according to the informant, worked for SAM CARR for many years, being his couriers and contacts with the Canadian CP while he was in the U.S. The TZERKOS, according to COWAN, have been living in Los Angeles for the past year, and still make trips to Canada. NY-94-S received from COWAN the impression that TZERKO continues to be involved in "secret operations".

COWAN also asked whether NY-694-S knew PHIL FIELD of Philadelphia. Although the informant did not know FIELD, he pretended that he did least COWAN cease to discuss him. All COWAN said about FIELD was that the latter is an engineer in Philadelphia, working with a Philadelphia firm. The informant believes that COWAN and FIELD are in contact with each other.

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COWAN next spoke about the "Canadian colony" in Warsaw, which he visited after attending the Moscow Economic Conference, mentioned heretofore. He said that "both Adams" were doing well. One "JOE" as the informant believes COWAN called him, who had been involved in the Canadian espionage case, is doing very important scientific work for the Polish Government. (Neither of the aforementioned ADAMS, according to the informant, is identical with ARTHUR ADAMS, Soviet Agent who had been in the US and was allowed to leave) In connection with the Canadian colony in Warsaw, COWAN also mentioned the name of "LEOPOLD INFELD", who is unknown to the informant. COWAN mentioned this individual on several occasions, saying that he is in Warsaw and that he is very happy.

NY- 694-S asked COWAN whether the latter had seen any Americans in Warsaw. COWAN said that he had not seen any Americans there but as a matter of fact, had not looked for them. At this particular conversation with COWAN, ALICE CITRON was present, and volunteered the information that BEATRICE SISKIND, deported from the U.S., is reportedly in Eastern Germany.

COWAN informed NY-694-S that while in Poland, he purchased, in the name of his "World Trading Corporation", thousands of wooden folding chairs, and a number of office revolving chairs which are being sold in Canada today. After leaving Poland, COWAN went to Czechoslovakia, where he purchased typewriters, and to Leipzig, Eastern Germany, where he attended "Photokina", a government sponsored photographic fair.

COWAN further stated that he does business with MILTON BERG in NY. Through COWAN, BERG, who operates the Acme Plate Company, 110 Bleecker St., NYC, is able to secure expedite delivery of photographic and printing equipment purchased in the satellite countries. According to the informant, BERG is an old-time CP member, more or less regarded in the past as a "screw-ball". NY-694-S recalls that BERG made trips to Germany during the early 1930's.

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In the last conversation between NY-694-S and COWAN, the latter stated that "the business deal" proposed by PAUL PHILLIPS namely, the establishment of a Canadian affiliate of NY-694-S's firm, would be of great assistance to the Canadian CP and he hoped that it would become a reality. He referred to the informant's business connections in Toronto as "wonderful". He said he hoped NY-694-S would be the contact between the Canadian CP and the U.S. Party, stating also, "some good will come of this".

This last conversation of the informant's with COWAN, which was held at COWAN'S home, was interrupted for some time by a visit to COWAN of one "MIKE FRIEDMAN", identified later by COWAN as "head of the CP professional group". Also, according to COWAN, FRIEDMAN had accompanied him to Moscow as a delegate to the Moscow Economic Conference. COWAN and FRIEDMAN conferred for some time behind closed doors, and after FRIEDMAN left, NY-694-S and COWAN resumed their conversation. The informant called attention to the fact that later on that same day, in conversation with ALICE CITRON, COWAN, in a happy mood told CITRON that he was going to Russia soon. The informant thinks it possible that FRIEDMAN may have conveyed a message to COWAN regarding this matter.

COWAN also mentioned during this conversation that "INTOURIST", the official Russian Government Travel Agency, will soon resume operations in Canada.

Before leaving COWAN, NY- 694-S asked whether there was anything he could do for COWAN in the U.S. COWAN replied, "Not at the moment, for I have two good contacts in the States. 'Stuff' is sent to me by the Niagra Auto Parts Company. The other contact is a friend in Chicago, whom you know". Concerning the Niagra Auto Parts Co., the informant believes COWAN stated its address to be 276 Nerwood St., in either Buffalo or Niagra.

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The friend in Chicago, referred to by COWAN as "JOHNSON", and remembered by NY-694-S by the same name, is, according to the informant, a man who fled to Canada from the U.S. in the middle 1930's because he was deeply involved in an international spy-ring case. The informant believes the case also involved ROBERT GORDON SWITZ, former Soviet Agent, now deceased. "JOHNSON", a Latvian or of Latvian descent, was hidden and protected by the Canadian CP for a number of years. When NY-694-S was in Canada with SAM CARR in 1939 he first learned of "JOHNSON" from CARR. "JOHNSON", CARR had said, left his family behind in the States when he fled to Canada. In 1939 he was working in a Toronto restaurant as a dishwasher, the owner of the restaurant having been the wife of JACK COWAN, mentioned above. The informant recalls meeting JOHNSON at that time, but does not recall the circumstances except that CARR introduced him to "JOHNSON". On a subsequent trip to Toronto some time later NY-694-S again met "JOHNSON", and at that time accompanied "JOHNSON", CARR and JACK COWAN on a fishing trip.

In 1942, in the early Fall, "JOHNSON" was sent by the Canadian CP to NY-694-S in NY in order that NY-694-S might pave the way for "JOHNSON'S" return to Chicago, which was "JOHNSON'S" home. NY-694-S then contacted CG-5824-S in Chicago, informing the latter that "JOHNSON" was about to return to Chicago, and requesting that all necessary steps be taken by the Chicago CP to insure "JOHNSON'S" future protection, reactivation in the Party, and financial rehabilitation.

According to COWAN, "JOHNSON" is now known as "BROWN" and is one of the owners of the "B & F" Machinery Company, located in Chicago. He is about 30 years of age. The company is a tool and die concern. "BROWN" or "JOHNSON", according to COWAN, is now in Canada on a pleasure trip. NY-694-S states he is the individual to whom COWAN referred, in correspondence with the informant relative to NY-694-S contemplated trip to Canada, as "a mutual friend from Chicago, who will be in Toronto

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soon". The Bureau has been informed of this "mutual friend", who expected to be in Toronto, in a previous communication regarding the informant's contemplated trip to Canada.

NY-694-S told COWAN that he expects to attend a photographic convention in Chicago between August 14th and August 25th, and inasmuch as he needs someone in "BROWN'S" line to do some work for him, he would contact "BROWN" in Chicago. COWAN thought this an excellent idea. For the Bureau's information, NY-694-S will attend a photographic convention as above described, and unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, will attempt to contact "BROWN" and to establish relations with him which may lead to obtaining information of value to the Bureau. It is suggested that no investigation of "BROWN" be instituted by the Chicago Office without specific instructions with respect thereto from the Bureau, inasmuch as the security of NY-694-S and CG-5824-S might be jeopardized as a result thereof. NY-694-S will confer with CG-5824 concerning this matter before contacting "BROWN" in Chicago. NY-694-S is of the opinion that "BROWN" is currently involved in secret operations with the Canadian CP, although COWAN did not so specify.

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JULIA (Ann)

Julia Childs and his wife, JULIA, arrived at a meeting at their home between NY-CIA-10 wife, JULIA, and NY-694-3 his family and (LIC) (LIC). JULIA Childs is the sister of JULIA Childs. The Childs reside at 278 Crawford Street, Toronto. JULIA Childs apparently was pleasantly surprised to meet NY-694-3. She had not been told who she was to meet at (LIC) home, the (LIC) having told her only she an old friend was at the house. Upon meeting NY-694-3, b6 b7C he telephoned to [redacted]

and told him to come to the Childs' home immediately. After a period of general conversation, the informant succeeded in maneuvering JULIA into a corner, where they were able to go on in a private conversation.

It began with a discussion of events on the evening of SAM C. W.'s arrest. In her opinion, and also in mine, she said, the stupidity of SAM C. W., who wrote NY-694-3 a card from one of the "banana islands", thereby "tipping off" the FBI as to SAM's United States contacts, was deplorable. JOE SCHWARTZ is a New York communist who reportedly was very close to SAM Childs.

NY-694-3 mentioned that he knew that SAM's New York friends - (LIC) (LIC), (LIC) (LIC) and (LIC) (LIC) had received from a wallet which (LIC) had while in prison. JULIA said she was the one who had sent the wallet at (LIC) request.

NY-694-3 told her that (LIC) and (LIC) were well disposed to (LIC) (LIC), but that NY-694-3, FBI informed and feels that his former association with (LIC) has hurt him. SCHWARTZ

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state of mind is so bad, NY-694-S said to her, that the American Party had to send someone to SCHRANK to bolster his spirits. (The information was obtained by NY-694-S from LEM HARRIS, "leg man" for WILLIAM WIENER.)

When NY-694-S told JULIA that "BOB" SOLES, friend of SAM'S, and formerly a substantial contributor to SAM'S operations, had a nervous breakdown as a result of which he threatened violence against his wife and children, and shot a cow, JULIA replied as follows:

This revealed BOB'S loyalty to SAM. The cow was symbolic of his wife, who "is nothing but a fat prostitute who betrayed SAM CARR". According to JULIA, BOB met his wife in a barroom. BOB'S wife knew much about SAM, for SAM had been in hiding at the SOLES' farm from time to time. At the time, shortly before SAM'S arrest, when JULIA went to live with SAM in New York, she did not know much about SOLES' wife. On the evening of SAM'S arrest Mrs. SOLES was to have dinner with SAM and JULIA at the CARR residence, but never came. This was sufficient proof, as far as JULIA was concerned, that Mrs. SOLES had informed the FBI of SAM'S whereabouts.

NY-694-S told JULIA he was happy to learn that the CARR'S son is now well disposed toward SAM; that NY-694-S had been told last year by HERMAN WALLACH and BARNEY SHEPHERD that SAM had returned from Europe because his son was on the verge of disowning him as a father. JULIA replied, "That may be what they believe, but it was not the reason for his return to the United States. I know the real reason, but I will never tell anyone".

JULIA mentioned that she had been questioned by the Grand Jury in New York, but "did not tell them a thing".

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She felt bad, she said, when the American Party sent out word to Party lawyers "to lay off" SAM CARL, but she never told SAM about this. She was very happy, however, when CAROL KING, CP Attorney, now deceased, insisted upon representing SAM before the Grand Jury in New York.

JULIA spoke at length about SAM'S imprisonment, his attitude toward the Party and his attitude toward the world in general. SAM, she said, has a good and healthy attitude; the outside world looks good to him. He is not worried about his situation. In 1934, when he first served a sentence in Kingston Prison (where he is now), he was young, impetuous, and impatient; but now he feels that he must be patient. This, to him, is a period through which a Communist must go. The road to Socialism is not a smooth one. He has learned much, and thinks that as a result of his imprisonment, who will be a better and more staunch Communist. He will be angry at no one.

Communism, SAM says, is "healthier" today than it ever was before--despite STALIN'S death. The healthy, vigorous state of Russia today is evidenced by the fact that after thirty-five years of socialism, Russia was able to expose such a traitor as BERIA.

SAM feels confident that he can resume his CP activities and do a job as good as, if not better than, he did before, (according to NY-694-S, JULIA is not aware that the Party is not in accord with SAM'S ideas). SAM thinks that, in view of the fact that his conviction was based solely on a passport violation, there is no reason why he cannot resume his party activities.

SAM'S [redacted] respects SAM as his father, but doesn't respect SAM'S politics. He is a brilliant student at school,

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but abhors politics. When his mother reproaches him for his attitude, his reply is, "Somebody in this family has to keep out of jail!"

When SAM realized that the "jig was up", he notified her for the first time of his involvement in the Canadian espionage ring. He told her then that as a good revolutionary one must accept the good with the bad. JULIA is not worried as to how they will manage after SAM'S release. She works in an office in Toronto and has been active in the party since her return to Canada.

Upon leaving JULIA, NY-694-S gave her an expensive fishing rod for SAM as a "coming out present". She thanked him profusely, and instructed him to give SAM'S regards to CG 5824-S, WILLIAM WEINER, HERMAN WALLACH and BARNEY SHEPARD.

It may be noted that NY-694-S gave similar fishing rods to the various CP functionaries with whom he talked. The informant and JACK COWAN, following an old Communist practice, exchanged watches as "a pledge of undying comradeship and loyalty to each other". According to the informant, "COWAN, by far, was the winner in that deal".

NORMAN FREED

FREED was very happy to see NY-694-S, and after the exchange of a few pleasantries, initiated their discussion with his recollection of the occasion in 1946 when he was sent to New York by the Canadian CP to contact SAM GARR. He went to NY-694-S's home to solicit the latter's aid in locating SAM, and learned from the informant, who had been observing FREED approaching NY-694-S's house, that he, FREED, was under surveillance. Being frightened by this turn of events,

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he made no further attempt to locate SAM, or to contact anyone else, and went to his brother's home in New York, where he spent the night.

On the following day, noting that he again was under surveillance, he asked the surveilling FBI agents why he was being followed. He said he was an alderman from Toronto, and demanded that his rights be respected.

On the following day he returned to Toronto and upon reflection realized how foolish he had been to attempt to contact SAM CARR in New York. He could have caused great embarrassment to the Party and to himself as a Canadian official, FREED said. (FREED, according to the informant, was a Toronto alderman at that time.)

FREED next inquired about MEYER KLIG, an official of the Fur Workers Union, recently ordered deported from the United States. KLIG is a former Toronto resident and a close friend of CARR'S, GOWAN'S and FREED'S. NY-692-S could not furnish him with any current information regarding KLIG. The informant asked FREED whether the Canadians were in close touch with the Fur Workers Union in the United States and FREED replied that, as far as he knew, they were not.

FREED next discussed the current Canadian election campaign. As a national CP functionary in charge of educational work, he is doing the propaganda work for the Labor Progressive Party, which is CP controlled. The aforesaid Party has one hundred candidates in the race, for whom, in accordance with Canadian law, they had to post \$20,000 in "guarantees". Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars have been raised for the Labor Progressive Party campaign.

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FREED told NY-694-S that he was about to tell him something in the strictest confidence-something known only to the top CP leaders. When NY-694-S ~~had given~~ given FREED "the cross-my-heart-and-hope-to-die" assurance that he would respect FREED'S confidence, the latter told him that "DREW", first name unknown, candidate of "the Conservative Party", second strongest Party in Canada, had entered into a secret agreement with the top CP leaders that, if elected, he would take steps to legalize the Communist Party in Canada. DREW is candidate for the Prime Minister's post.

With respect to the election, which is to be held on 6/10/53, FREED said that SERIA'S arrest in Russia, the execution of SLANSKY in Czechoslovakia, and the case of the Russian doctors "had not helped the situation".

The numerical strength of the Canadian SP is presently 25,000, according to FREED. In the Youth Section the Party is weak owing to the fact that the Party has no social attraction for young people. The Party is strong, however, among fraternal organizations, particularly among Jews, Ukrainians and Slavs.

With respect to Ukrainians, FREED said that a situation exists which is causing considerable concern to the Party. Russia is sending a daily broadcast to the 1,000,000 Ukrainians in Canada, asking them to return to their homeland. Numbers of Ukrainians, desiring to return as suggested by the Russian broadcast, have obtained passports, but when they applied at the Russian embassy for visas, they received curt refusals. These people, according to FREED, are "raising hell" with the Canadian CP. The Party has informed the Russians that this inconsistent situation must be remedied, and the Russians have promised to take care of the matter. Nothing, however, is being done. According to FREED, "there are no visas, but there is plenty of broadcasting".

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FREED further stated that he is leaving soon for Moscow as "the Canadian representative to Russia". A woman, whom he referred to only as "BETTY", was the last such representative, and before her tenure of office, STANLEY RYERSON held the position.

FREED said that relations between Canada and the United States are deteriorating because of United States "re-actionary policies", "MC CARTHYISM", etc. Yankees, he said, no longer are greeted as cordially in Canada as they were in the past. The CP, he said, is "making hay" out of the situation, the ROSENBERG case having helped immeasurably.

FREED discussed SAM CARR in the same manner as did PHILLIPS and COWAN, being opposed to SAM'S re-activation in the Party for the same reasons expressed by PHILLIPS and COWAN. FREED, according to NY-694-S, was not aware of the proposed business arrangement with NY-694-S, which was suggested by PHILLIPS.

FREED asked NY-694-S whether he could arrange to be in Toronto at the end of September so that FREED, SAM CARR and the informant might go on a fishing trip in northern Canada. NY-694-S replied that he liked the idea, and would try to join FREED and CARR at that time.

Concluding their discussion, FREED and NY-694-S agreed that CG 5624-S would be instructed to send letters to SAM CARR, through FREED, in a manner that would not be detected.

LESLIE MORRIS

Shortly before NY-694-S left Toronto, COWAN arranged a meeting for him with LESLIE MORRIS, an old acquaintance of

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NY-694-S, whom he used to meet at CP-USA conventions and on trips to Canada. According to COWAN, MORRIS was particularly anxious to see NY-694-S because he desired the informant to deliver a message to the American Party.

NY-694-S met LESLIE MORRIS at a restaurant. MORRIS told the informant that the Canadian CP had recently received "the new American CP resolution", and although as yet they had not had an opportunity to study it carefully, "it looked good". The informant advised that the resolution referred to by MORRIS apparently supersedes the "draft resolution" mentioned by PHILLIPS, the documentary criticism of which PHILLIPS had desired NY-694-S to deliver to Party leaders in the United States. MORRIS requested that NY-694-S deliver to United States Party leaders the message that the new resolution "looked good". Since the message was not documentary, and essentially not of a nature requiring a special "clearance", NY-694-S promised to deliver it to either WILLIAM Z. FOSTER or BETTY GANNETT in New York.

MORRIS stated that politically the Canadians are kept informed of the American Party line through the "Daily Worker" and "Political Affairs". The writer whom they regard most seriously and study most carefully is "JONATHAN SWIFT". They consider his opinions authoritative.

MORRIS mentioned his trip as a delegate to the 19th Party Congress in Moscow. NY-694-S asked him whether he saw any Americans or Canadians there. MORRIS replied that "it was strictly taboo to seek out Americans or Canadians in Russia", and that HARRY POLLIT, head of the British Commonwealth delegation, enforced this prohibition. The informant inquired what the Russians at the 19th Party Congress thought of the American CP. MORRIS'S answer was that the Congress applauded the cablegram from the CP-USA extending greetings to the Congress from the National Committee

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of the CP-USA. There also was applause when EUGENE DENNIS'S name was mentioned.

HENRY "HANK" HARRIS

HARRIS was aware of NY-694-S's presence in Toronto before the informant met him. He mentioned this in his conversation with NY-694-S, which took place at HARRIS'S place of business on College Street, Toronto. HARRIS, who worked closely with SAM CARR, was convicted in the Canadian espionage ring case, but was freed subsequently on a technicality by the Appellate Court. He is an optician by profession.

HARRIS, discussing SAM CARR, disapproved of CARR'S failure to "face the music". The Party, according to HARRIS, gave HARRIS "Moral" support during his trial. He lost no friends as a result of it, and his business, instead of failing, has become far more prosperous. Also as a result of his trial, HARRIS became reconciled with his wife, from whom he had been estranged. Her maiden name was RAY WECHSLER, but she is not related to the New York WECHSLER family who are prominent in the CP. (The reference here is to RAY WECHSLER, mother-in-law of GEORGE WATT, to whom HARRIS states his wife is not related)

HARRIS stated resentfully that SAM CARR "used to drive him too hard" in the Canadian espionage apparatus. He was compelled to make frequent overnight trips to Ottawa and Montreal as a courier for CARR. As much as he disliked the recollection of those days, however, he could do it again if necessary. But he would refuse to allow SAM CARR to use his cellar as a photographic laboratory as CARR did in the past. He was very happy that SAM will soon be out of jail.

NY-694-S could not engage in an extended discussion with HARRIS because the latter was busy with his customers, and

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said he was leaving shortly on a vacation trip. He requested that NY-694-S contact him on the informant's next trip to Toronto, at which time they could have, he said, a long talk.

HARRIS asked that NY-694-S convey his regards to CARL BRODSKY, an old friend and CP member in New York, now in the insurance business in New York.

COWAN - FREED - HARRIS

The following information concerns three Canadian CP members of interest to the New York Office; JACK WECHSLER, WILLIAM PALKA and LOUIS SOKOLOFF.

They are in frequent contact with RAY WECHSLER, New York City Communist, mother-in-law of GEORGE WATT, who is believed to be a leader of the Comfug apparatus. WATT assisted EUS HALL in the latter's escape to Mexico.

NY-694-S discussed these individuals with COWAN, FREED and HARRIS, each of whom furnished substantially the same information concerning them, which is as follows:

JACK WECHSLER and WILLIAM PALKA are living together at PALKA'S home. WECHSLER'S wife died recently of a breast cancer, and as a result WECHSLER is in a bad mental state. These men have made considerable money in furs in the Canadian black market.

As far as the CP is concerned, there is nothing good to be said about them. They are marked "lousy". They seem "scared" about something, and do all they can to maintain

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a respectable front. They give little, if anything, to the Party, but are known to have given large donations to "bourgeois" organizations. For some unknown reason they do not have the same relations with the Party that they used to have.

In Party circles it is considered a joke that, despite their apparent lack of interest in the Party, they nevertheless, continue to be banned from crossing the United States borders.

LOUIS SOKOLOFF is even more "scared" than the other two, and if such be possible, is marked "more completely lousy" than the other two, WECHSLER and PALKA. In many instances he is known to have had differences and arguments with Party people. SOKOLOFF refuses "to give a dime to the Party". Yet he travelled to Cuba with SAM CARR in 1946.

ALICE CITRON

In conversation with CITRON, NY-694-3 secured further information concerning a woman named "ANN MAURICE", with whom, according to CITRON, she has been in constant contact in connection with the ROSENBERG Committee. As the Bureau already has been advised, "MAURICE" allegedly represents the French CP in connection with the translation of propaganda material sent from the United States to France. She also translated correspondence from France to the United States in connection with the ROSENBERG case. She reportedly was employed at the United Nations, and had connections with the French Communist publication "L'Humanite".

While with CITRON on the instant Canadian trip, NY-694-3

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learned that "ANN MAURICE" is actually employed by a large French publishing company, the name of which consists of four words. The informant, not knowing French, could not remember the name since CITRON mentioned it only once, and in rapid fashion. He recalls, however, the initial letter in each word, said letters being respectively A.P.I.P.

The husband of ANN MAURICE - not ANN as previously reported - is employed at the French Information Center of the United Nations. They reside either on East 70th Street, New York City or in the East 70's, New York City.

The informant suggests the possibility that in pronouncing the name of this woman, CITRON is giving a French pronunciation to the name "MORRIS".

IN a subsequent conversation, CITRON said the ROSENBERG Committee was in receipt of an anonymous letter from England shortly before the ROSENBERGS were executed. The writer deplored the fact that he could not reveal his identity, stating he was part of the original "GREENGLASS Gang". He said he knew that this gang participated in the theft of atomic secrets and that GREENGLASS' interest was simply money. The ROSENBERGS were no way connected with the gang. All of the gang disappeared, and if the ROSENBERGS had been members of the gang, they too could have disappeared.

EMMANUEL BLOCK, the ROSENBERG lawyer, according to CITRON, is at a loss to know who the writer of the letter is. For a while he suspected ALAN MAY, but no longer regards MAY as the anonymous writer.

When referring to people who ran away, CITRON stated to COWAN, who was present at the time, that "ANN SIDOROVICH is in

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Europe and J. L. BARR is in Switzerland". Both of these individuals are subjects in the ROSENBERG case.

CITRON mentioned that while in Toronto she talked to JOE BERSEMAN, Canadian Jewish leader; DAVE SHATZKIN, who is in charge of the ROSENBERG propaganda in Canada and also operates the Workers Book Store in Toronto; and NORMAN FREED, mentioned heretofore. According to the informant she must have seen FREED on an occasion when the informant was not present.

CITRON further stated that some one had told her that MORRIS SCHAPPER, New York Communist discharged from the public school system, frequently lectures in Toronto.

In concluding his report on his Canadian trip, NY-694-S advised that he had requested NORMAN FREED, who is to leave for Russia soon, to convey the informant's and CG 5824-S's regards to Professor MINTZ in Moscow. MINTZ, according to NY-694-S, is an important Russian Party functionary who presently is writing the third book in a series on the history of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. MINTZ worked closely with STALIN in the preparation of his books. He is a former professor of the Lenin School; and is a personal friend of CG 5824-S, who last saw MINTZ in Moscow in 1947. During the 1920's MINTZ was "a red general". FREED is well acquainted with MINTZ, as are LENA and MARCEL SCHERER, New York City Communists.

By reason of the nature of the information contained herein, this letter is being sent only to the Bureau and to the Chicago Office, Chicago being aware that indiscriminate dissemination of this information would imperil the security of both NY-694-S and CG 5824-S. It is requested that the

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Bureau determine whether any dissemination, if any, should be made to other offices at this time.

As previously mentioned, the Bureau is requested to advise New York as soon as possible whether it deems it advisable for NY-694-S to enter into negotiations with PAUL PHILLIPS for the establishment of a subsidiary company in Toronto as proposed by PHILLIPS. NY-694-S will not discuss this matter with his partner until the Bureau expresses its opinion in this matter.

The Chicago Office is requested to advise the Bureau and New York concerning CG 5824-S's opinion in this matter. Chicago also is requested to inform CG 5824-S that it is important that the letter obtain information regarding the true CP status of RUDY BAKER and advise New York.

Information contained herein will be disseminated to pertinent New York files. It is requested that the Bureau, in its discretion, furnish to offices other than Chicago information contained herein of interest to said offices.

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CG 5824-S

Remylet dated 8/4/53 summarizing the reactivation efforts of CG 5824-S through July 28, 1953.

On August 5, 1953, this informant advised that he had spent the previous evening with CHARLES MITCHELL, leading Communist Party functionary, at which time MITCHELL told him that he was not going into underground status for at least the next three or four weeks unless he received contrary instructions from Communist Party officials.

It is noted that this informant has previously advised that MITCHELL had been ordered into underground status.

MITCHELL gave as his reason for this delay, the fact that he was again ill and that he may have to hospitalize himself in the near future. The informant stated that the most significant thing developed during this meeting was that MITCHELL told him that the Party had analyzed the recent arrests of Smith Act subjects in the Philadelphia area and had observed that several of the Communist Party members arrested were "small fry". MITCHELL stated that in view of the type of persons arrested in Philadelphia, the Party was immediately revising its plans in anticipation of similar Smith Act arrests in Chicago. MITCHELL told the informant that the Party now recognizes that the FBI, if Smith Act arrests are made in Chicago, may arrest persons in leadership capacities of section organizers or even unit leaders if local top leadership is not available for arrest. MITCHELL pointed out to the informant that such Communist Party officials as STRONG, PHIL BART and ROBERT KLOANSKY were not arrested and this is the backbone of the Communist Party leadership in the Philadelphia area.

The informant stated that MITCHELL gave him a very decided inference that the Communist Party was expecting Smith Act arrests in the Chicago area in the immediate future in view of the fact that Chicago is the only major section of Communism that had not as yet been subjected to a Smith Act trial. MITCHELL also inferred to the informant that the Communist Party was considering making section organizers "unavailable".

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if their family position would permit it at this time. The informant emphasized in this regard, however, that MITCHELL did not make this as a direct statement, but that this was a very pronounced inference that he drew from various things said by MITCHELL.

MITCHELL also related to the informant that he had been recently interviewed by the FBI, however, he did not appear to be particularly disturbed by this interview although MITCHELL told the informant that he is now more surveillance conscious than before.

On August 13, 1953, the contents of New York letter dated August 7, 1953 entitled NY 694-S, was thoroughly discussed with the informant in order to elicit his opinion concerning several matters taken up in this letter. It was noted that this New York letter is a 32 page letter dealing with NY 694-S's recent trip to Canada where he met several Canadian Communist Party functionaries.

It is noted that in this letter both JACK COWAN and PAUL PHILLIPS, Communist Party functionaries in Canada, broached the idea to NY 694-S that the Communist Party in Canada was interested in establishing a subsidiary organization to handle NY 694-S's product in Canada. In this connection NY 694-S promised to give such a plan consideration, however, referenced New York letter points out that prior to any decision being made, the comments of CG 5824-S should be solicited.

CG 5824-S advised on August 13, 1953 that since NY 694-S would be in Chicago for approximately a week beginning August 14, 1953, that he did not at this time wish to make any definite statement concerning the advisability of NY 694-S entering into this business arrangement until he had an opportunity to thoroughly discuss this with NY 694-S. He stated, however, that it was his opinion at this time that such a venture in Canada would be inadvisable because it was his understanding that the CP, USA had in the past been interested in obtaining revenue from NY 694-S's business, however, this had been avoided and the informant stated that if NY 694-S now cut in the Canadian CP, that it would cause ill feeling all around. The informant emphasized that at the very least the American CP must be acquainted with the proposal and "clearance" obtained before proceeding. The informant also stated that in view of the fact that NY 694-S had a partner in this business, that it would be extremely difficult to keep him out of the picture should a subsidiary company be set up in Canada to handle the firm's product.

A fuller discussion concerning the above will be had with the informant after he confers with NY 694-S.

It is further noted that in referenced New York letter, Canadian Communist Party

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officials desired to obtain from CG 5824-S his opinion concerning the present status of RUDY BAKER, former CP official now in Yugoslavia. It was further pointed out that CP officials in Canada, particularly PAUL PHILLIPS, desired that CG 5824-S make appropriate inquiries with highly placed CP officials to obtain BAKER's status at this time.

The informant stated concerning BAKER that BAKER left the United States for Yugoslavia in 1948 and was on the high seas when TITO broke with the STALIN Government. He stated that following BAKER's arrival in Yugoslavia, BAKER had no alternative but to at least appear to be a pro-Titoist in order that he would not be immediately liquidated. The informant stated that in his opinion based on many years association with BAKER, that BAKER probably at this time was in all sincerity pro-TITO rather than pro-STALIN and that the informant bases part of his opinion on the fact that BAKER had always been known as a strong Browder man and anti-Foster. The informant stated that high Communist Party officials have followed BAKER's activity in Yugoslavia and they have generally concluded that he is a Titoist and that they advertised their conclusions through several articles in the "Daily Worker" since BAKER went to Yugoslavia.

The informant stated that in view of his opinion as expressed above, he felt that when his report is made to the Canadian Communist Party officials he would recommend against their using him as any sort of a contact man in Yugoslavia in connection with the Stalinist underground movement there. He said further that BAKER had always been generally regarded in Communist Party circles as an opportunist and this has further been borne out by reason of BAKER's close affiliation with the TITO Regime since his arrival in Yugoslavia in 1948.

On page 17 of referenced New York letter it is noted that JACK GOWAN told NY 694-S that he "had a friend" in Chicago and identified this friend as "JOHNSON". NY 694-S recalled this person by the same name and stated that JOHNSON was a man who fled to Canada from the United States in the middle 1930's because he was then deeply involved in an international spy ring case. NY 694-S described JOHNSON as being a Latvian or of Latvian descent and as one who has hidden and been protected by the Canadian CP for several years.

NY 694-S further stated that he first met JOHNSON in Canada through SAM CARR in 1939 at which time CARR told him that JOHNSON had left his family behind in the States when he fled to Canada. According to NY 694-S, JOHNSON was sent by the Canadian CP in late 1942 to this informant in order that NY 694-S could pave the way for JOHNSON's return to Chicago. NY 694-S then contacted CG 5824-S in Chicago informing the latter that JOHNSON was about to return to Chicago and requested all necessary steps be taken by the Chicago CP to

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ensure JOHNSON's future protection and reactivation in the Communist Party. NY 694-S related that according to COWAN, JOHNSON is now known as BROWN and is one of the owners of the "B & F" Machinery Company in Chicago.

Concerning the above person named as JOHNSON, with alias Brown, it is noted that CG 5824-S in June, 1952 furnished considerable information concerning one BOB BROWN who has not as yet been identified although continuous investigation has been conducted for the past year. CG 5824-S stated in June, 1952 that BROWN had been a CP functionary in the early 1930's in Chicago and a member of the District Secretariat until about 1936 or 1937 when BROWN left for Canada. BROWN was known to the informant to have worked during the 1930's in the Communist underground apparatus although his subversive activities were unknown to the informant. The informant described BROWN as being a machinist by trade and that BROWN re-appeared in Chicago about 1940, but made no effort to reactivate in the CP. BROWN indicated to the informant at that time that he had been in Canada, however, no specific information was furnished. The informant expressed the opinion that BROWN was probably engaged in espionage activities during this period and had fled to Canada to avoid detection, although this was his opinion rather than any statement of fact.

The Chicago Telephone Directory reveals that there is a B & F Machinery Products Company located at 1429 North Keating, Chicago, Illinois, however, nothing more is known concerning this organization.

It would appear that the JOHNSON, with alias Brown, described by JACK COWAN is in fact identical with the BOB BROWN described by CG 5824-S.

On August 13, 1953 this matter was discussed with CG 5824-S at which time he expressed his opinion that the two were identical and pointed out that the BROWN he knew was of Latvian descent although he was unable to recall the name of JOHNSON ever having been used by BROWN. He pointed out, however, that BOB BROWN was a machinist and concluded that the B & F Machinery Company is apparently the type of business BOB BROWN would be engaged in.

In line with New York's request, no further investigation is being undertaken at Chicago immediately to further identify JOHNSON, with alias Brown, however, a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau in this matter after NY 694-S contacts JOHNSON, wa Brown, as outlined in referenced New York letter.

The informant indicated on August 14, 1953 that during the week that NY 694-S was in Chicago, that he intended to have an extensive discussion with him concerning the facts developed by NY 694-S in Canada. The informant stated that through NY 694-S, he would make appropriate arrangements to send

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his regards to SAM CARR in Canada through CARR's wife JULIA.

The informant stated that he had recently received a letter from LENA SCHERER of New York which was general in nature, however, LENA stated that she and her husband MARCEL were going to Washington the weekend of August 21, 1953 for the purpose of attending a social affair, however, she did not state where the affair was being held. The informant inferred, however, from the letter that the social affair might be at the Romanian Embassy. SCHERER also commented in her letter that JOE STAROBIN, who recently returned from abroad, was being "pushed around" by the "Daily Worker" people and that apparently the "Daily Worker" was not going to put STAROBIN back to work as foreign editor. The informant stated that according to SCHERER, it appeared like the "Foster crowd" was going to use JOE CLARK, former correspondent for the "Daily Worker" in Moscow, as a buffer against STAROBIN and that CLARK may end up as foreign editor for the "Daily Worker". The informant related that STAROBIN left the United States in 1951 of his own volition and that he spent considerable time in China and Indo China gathering information for either a book or a series of articles. The informant emphasized that he hoped in the near future to have a long talk with STAROBIN if possible because he felt that STAROBIN might be encouraged to talk considerably concerning his Far East travels in the recent past and also the informant might be able to gain STAROBIN's present feelings towards the Party particularly in view of the fact that STAROBIN is apparently being "pushed around" by the Communist Party.

Concerning the informant's personal position, he advised that he had not had any official contact with anyone from New York and that he was still waiting for someone of importance to see him. He stated that in view of the arrests in Philadelphia that a contact might be temporarily delayed, however, he appeared optimistic that he would in the near future receive some sort of assignment. He stated that in his opinion he cannot at this time push the matter any further particularly in view of the fact that in a recent telephonic conversation with NY 694-S, NY 694-S advised him that he had mentioned to WILLIAM WEINER that CG 5824-S had not been contacted and that WEINER was very disturbed concerning this failure on the part of the CP to make the necessary contact.

The informant stated that he has been leaving his house only when absolutely necessary in order that he could be available at almost any time for any contact from New York.

Following the informant's discussion with NY 694-S during the period August 15 through 21, 1953, a complete summary will be furnished to the Bureau and New York Office.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : SAC

DATE: 8/24/53

FROM : SA JOSEPH P. MC MAHON

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

ATTN: SA *Freyman*

During the recent inspection the security informant files were examined closely to see that most of the following items were covered in the file. In order to eliminate errors and any possible oversight, you are instructed to review your file and to mark opposite each item the serial or serials in which the pertinent information appears or has been covered. In the event your file fails to reflect such coverage, you are to correct the situation immediately with a memorandum for the file, and the serial number of that memorandum should be incorporated on this sheet. If the informant is a potential security informant, you are to cover these items as soon as possible, incorporate the information in the file and note on this serial the pertinent serials involved.

Full name and aliases *See 11, 169* Code name assigned *HAROLD HASKY* Ser #40  
 Indices checked *File Cron. Ref. 100-3470* Names and code name indexed Ser # 40  
 Consolidation of references *See 11* Alternate Agent designated Ser # 71  
 Date and place of birth and/or *See 11-134-46-8, 364* Informant indices card made Ser # 3033  
 citizenship *See 11-134-46-8, 364* Limitations on contacts *See 134-202*  
 Description *See 11-134-46-157* Advised not employed by Bureau Ser # 134-202  
 Employments and residences *See 11-134-46-157* Advised his assistance is voluntary 134-46-44  
 Telephone number *See 11-134-46-157* Advised his membership not sponsored 134-46-44  
 Background, including education *See 11* or sanctioned by Bureau 134-46-44  
 identity and location of children *See 11* Advised his cooperation must be  
 Credit check *See 100-3470-157* *neg.* *See 11* strictly confidential 134-46-44  
 Local criminal records *See 100-3470-157* *neg.* Advised re income tax 134-46-44  
 Bureau criminal record *See 134-46-169* *neg.* Advised re employer-employee relationship *See 134-46-44*  
 Photograph *See 134-46-100* Advised not to retain copies of his reports *See 134-46-44*  
 Physical condition *See 11, 134-46-100* Statement of cooperation *See 134-46-44*  
 Financial condition *See 11, 134-46-100* Type of information furnished 134-46-44  
 Canvass of other informants *See 134-46-100* Statement re reliability of information furnished *See 134-46-44*  
 Armed service record *See 134-46-100* Justification letters reflect organizations of which member, officer or  
 Draft or reserve status *See 134-46-100* reports on 134-46-44  
 Domestic status *See 134-46-100* Security index and Communist index  
 Information concerning patriotism, cards destroyed on SIs 134-46-13  
 reliability, integrity, loyalty, *See 134-46-100* *See 134-46-192*  
 and general reputation *See 134-46-100*  
 Addresses where contacts made *See 134-46-100*

*Con wife - 134-46-25*  
*INS - mate 134-46-82*

ALL INFORMANT CORRESPONDENCE MUST BE SENT CONFIDENTIAL AND REGISTERED  
 not recommended for apprehension 134-46-95  
 134-1NS status of wife 134-46-100, *See 134-46-100*  
 JPM:pjf

Bur. authority Let dated 7/28/53 - 6-2482  
*See 134-183*

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TO : SAC

DATE: 1711&amp;8/28/53

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S (154-44)

On July 31, 1953 the writer paid the above informant \$400.00 for services rendered during the period 7-15 through 7-31-53. Payment at Chatham hotel and receipt obtained.

*dict. 7-31-53 - 154-44*

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TO : SAC

DATE: 8-26-53

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: Cg-5824-S (148-52)

On 8-18-53 the writer paid the informant \$400. for services rendered 8-1 thru 8-15-53 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Receipt obtained.

cc: Det 148-52  
JW #173.

CGO  
Pat

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TO : SAC, 134-46 (1537- ) DATE: 8/26 -

FROM : SA D.M. Freeman

SUBJECT: Op 5824 -  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of contact: 8/26/53 phone

Files on Which Contacted: 100- May Weinstein.

Information Received: 100- Jean Kossman.

1. Negative 100- Ed Igoor june

2. Positive 100- 86722 (CP) Adagard

Re. Contact of Weinstein 8/25/53  
at Weinstein Res.

Action taken on information received: Assessment

Copy for other files:

Personal Data:  
(Change in Residence,  
employment, etc.)

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TO : SAC, 134-46  
 FROM : SA C. M. Feltman  
 SUBJECT: CG 5824-S  
 CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

DATE: 8/18/53Date of contact: 8/18 - Personal

Files on Which Contacted

Information Received:

1. Negative

2. Positive

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100-1162 Bob Brown  
 100-1166 Chas. Mitchell.  
 100- Dr. Saul Pearlman.  
 100 - Rudy Baker  
 [redacted] Canadian (al)  
 134-46 (Business types  
 with 694-firms,  
 100- Dr. Saul Pearlman  
 (Feldman) et al,  
 100- Helen Kaplan [redacted]

Action taken on information received: for dissemination

Copy for other files:

Personal Data:  
 (Change in Residence,  
 employment, etc.)

Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Coverage \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of contact: 8/21/53

Files on Which Contacted: 100-18016 over McDonald  
Information Received: 100-Lena Schrey  
100-1162 Robt Brown  
100-Blanky Leveen  
134-46 (Inf. Progress.)  
1. Negative  
2. Positive

Action taken on information received: Assimilated

Copy for other files:

Personal Data:  
(Change in Residence,  
employment, etc.)

Rating \_\_\_\_\_

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46 (137-46) DATE: 8/25

FROM : SA ON Duty

SUBJECT: 29 5824-5  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of contact: 8/24/ phone.

Files on Which Contacted: 100-1162 (Brown)

Information Received: 100-Lillian Thompson  
100-Ralph Shaw.

1. Negative

2. Positive

Re: Contact of Brown by 29 694-5  
delayed by 5824-5

Action taken on information received: Disseminated

Copy for other files:

Personal Data:  
(Change in Residence,  
employment, etc.)

Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Coverage \_\_\_\_\_

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-403504) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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HELEN KAPLAN CHILDS, was.

Mrs. Morris Childs,

Helen Carr

INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re Miami letter July 27, 1953 requesting the Bureau to advise whether or not the captioned subject who reportedly attended the Lenin School can be interviewed and also requesting Chicago to advise whether or not any information of value had been obtained concerning subject's attendance at the Lenin School.

For the confidential information of Miami, CG 5824-S, of known reliability who was in a position to know of the subject's activities in Moscow, orally advised SA CARL N. FREIMAN on August 18, 1953 that HELEN CHILDS was in Moscow for about two years (1930-1932) but was not in attendance at the Lenin School. She did attend some classes while there but was not enrolled as a student at the Lenin School. She was also employed in a factory for about eight months. The informant advised that he is in a position and willing to furnish any information that the subject could possibly know concerning the Lenin School during this period. He also advised that he is quite certain that the subject used the name HELEN CARR while there.

For the information of the Bureau, this office is of the opinion that a reinterview of the subject at this time is inadvisable for the reasons that it is felt that little or nothing could be gained in the way of information that is not already available, but of more importance is the possibility that the security of CG 5824-S and NY 694-S may be involved. It is noted that the subject has not been active in the Communist Party since about 1938. It is also noted that CG 5824-S has previously indicated that sometime in the future it may be possible for him to assist in arranging such interview. In that event, the Miami Office will be advised.

CNF:SJC  
REGISTERED MAIL

cc-1-Bureau (61-7665) (MORRIS CHILDS) (REG)  
4-Miami (REG)  
(2-100-12716) (HELEN CHILDS)  
(1-100-12715) (LENIN SCHOOL)  
(1-100-7817) (MORRIS CHILDS)  
1-Chicago (134-46) (CG 5824-S)

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RE: HELEN KAPLAN CHILDS, was.

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For the additional information of Miami, HELEN CHILDS, nee KAPLAN, according to CG 5824-S, was naturalized in Miami about 1942. Should inquiry for clearance for investigation by INS be made of the Miami Office, it is requested that the Bureau and Chicago be advised immediately and that no clearance for investigation be given prior to receiving instructions from the Bureau.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46 (137-  
FROM : SA C. N. Frazee DATE: 8-28  
SUBJECT: Case 24-S  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of contact: 8-28-*Personal*

Files on Which Contacted:

Information Received:

1. Negative

2. Positive

100-Lena Sparer 100-577  
100-26865  
100-3859  
100-27635  
100-27608  
100-Martin Young,  
100-2644  
100-19867  
100-17983

105-1443  
100-27254  
100-17810  
100-27663

100-17003  
100-27565  
100-18581  
100-M. Hartman.  
100-3907

Action taken on information received:

*for dissemination*

Copy for other files:

Personal Data:  
(Change in Residence,  
employment, etc.)

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TO : SAC, 134-46 (a372) DATE: 8/31/53

FROM : SA Freyman

SUBJECT: Oct 5824-S  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of contact: 8/31/53 by phone.  
Files on Which Contacted: 100-19073 One other

## Information Received:

1. Negative

2. Positive

*Info. on Farrel of  
Bertha Greenberg, mother of one. Other  
There in attendance & conversed with  
me. 100-Rec'd on 10/31 100-Rec'd on  
100-18016 Mrs. Meltell 100-Mrs. Phil Kosoff.  
100-Mrs. Bob. Berlin*

Action taken on information received: To be done  
W.A. 134-46 & July file,

Copy for other files:

Personal Data:  
(Change in Residence,  
employment, etc.)

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TO : S AC (134-46)

DATE: 9-1-53

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: Cg-5824-S

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Reference memo 8/24/53 requesting check of informant file to determine whether or not all necessary info is available in file. A review of this file was made on the above date and the requested info incorporated in refmemo. However in order to facilitate review of the file in the future reference is also made to serial # 44 which notes specific advisement of informant on 2/28/53.

Specifically informant on that date was advised of the following:

1. not employed by Bureau.
2. Assistance is voluntary.
3. That membership cannot be sponsored or sanctioned by Bureau.
4. Bureaus position on employee-employee relationship.
4. Advised not to retain notes or copies of reports.

Informant also advised that he has no criminal record, no armed service record and that he understood the above.

This informant has been determined to be patriotic and loyal and his info is reliable.

His home address is 7949 S Vincennes and phone VI # 6 2985. He should only be contacted by SA J. E Keating and or Carl N. Freyman

*Informant interview Carl's place been prepared*

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NY 694-S. MESSAGE OF CG 5824-S TO WILLIAM WEINER WAS TRANSMITTED TO LEN HARRIS FOR DELIVERY TO WEINER. NY 694-S HAS REQUESTED THAT CG 5824-S BE SO ADVISED.

BOARDMAN

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② CHICAGO (RM)

RCB:JEL #7

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9/2/53

FROM : SA C.H. Frayman

SUBJECT: CG5824-S

P.C.I.       S.I.       P.S.I.       

DATES OF CONTACT: 9/2/53 by phone

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-3313 100 - Sue Klein  
 3303 100- 21222 (CG5824-S)  
 78001

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PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative:        Positive:       

Reported on 9/1/53 meeting of CS-  
 with Sue Klein. Declared 9/2/53

Sue Klein conveyed message from Jack Klein  
 to CG5824-S - I bid regards and explained that  
 bktl. present org setup - it is best for those  
 long in leadership not to see each other  
 too often, - Declined

PERSONAL DATA:

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SECURITY INFORMANT  
CG 5824-S  
Chicago, Illinois  
Chicago File 134-46  
Bureau Files 61-7665  
and 66-2542

INSPECTOR VAN PELT: This is a pending case, Chicago origin, assigned to SA CARL N. FREYMAN and is under the direct supervision of Supervisor JOSEPH P. MC MAHON.

BACKGROUND

Informant is white, male, born in Kiev, Russia, June 10, 1902. He was naturalized a United States citizen October 18, 1927, and has had a high school education. He is a graduate of the Lenin School. CG 5824-S [redacted] in 1952 after obtaining a divorce from his former wife. He has one child by a former marriage and resides at a known address in Chicago. b7D

Informant became affiliated with the Communist Party as a charter member in 1921 and still retains his original membership card. He was active in the CP during the 1920's, and in 1929 was a member of the CP District Committee and CP organizer in Chicago. He was an honor student at the Lenin School from 1929 to 1932, receiving instructions on political education and military matters. He was leader of the American contingent of students at the school, being directly responsible for their discipline and answerable therefor to the Central Committee of the CPSU (B). He still retains some Moscow connections made during this period. On his return in 1932, informant became CP District "organizer" at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and promoted the Milwaukee Labor School as well as the publication "Wisconsin Voice of Labor." In 1935 he became District Organizer for the Communist Party at Chicago. From then until 1946 he occupied various CP functionary positions, such as

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District Chairman, State Secretary, and President of the CPA, all in District No. 8, Chicago. From 1946 to 1947 he was Editor of "The Daily Worker" in New York. He was a member of the National Committee and the National Board, CP, USA, from 1935 to 1947 and 1936 to 1947, respectively. At the request of EUGENE DENNIS, informant attended the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference in Moscow during 1947 as a "Daily Worker" correspondent but for the primary purpose of determining the Russian attitude toward the CP, USA. While there he renewed his acquaintance with some of the Soviet leaders and the son of EUGENE DENNIS, who has resided in Moscow since the early 1930's.

Due to health conditions, informant became inactive in the CP from mid-1947 until April, 1952, but was retained on a national CP, USA, payroll until 1949. He has never openly broken with the Communist Party, although he states his ideological schism began perhaps as early as 1945.

He has been intimately acquainted and closely associated with top leadership of the CP, USA, including WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, for more than 25 years, and is still believed to be highly regarded by them because of his Lenin School training and actual leadership experience. He is intelligent and is regarded by the CP as one of its top theoreticians, and by reason of his background and experience he is qualified to accept any CP leadership position.

This informant was developed under the Bureau's Toplev Program with the assistance of NY 694-S during April and May, 1952. Basic mistrust that information given by him might not be afforded adequate security formed the major obstacle in securing his cooperation, and was only broken by an intensive series of skillful conversations covering a period of approximately five weeks. The condition of informant's health also constituted an obstacle which has been solved by a medical examination which diagnosed informant's normal life expectancy would not be materially lessened so long as he "worked within his known capacity." He was assigned a permanent symbol number on April 25, 1952, and since April 21, 1952, has been a regularly paid informant of the Chicago Office.

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On Bureau authority, no statement of cooperation has been required. Assignment of alternate Special Agent contact has been made.

Due to the security consciousness of the Communist Party at this time, this informant is the personification of the Bureau's long-range informant development program, the ultimate objective being to place him in a top level policy-making position in the Communist Party nationally with the view of locating Comfugs and Smith Act fugitives. All efforts to date have been directed toward this goal, with each positive move by informant made in a natural and cautious manner in order not to arouse undue suspicion. Progress has been slow but encouraging, with the Bureau being kept currently advised of all developments.

Since the last inspection this informant has furnished valuable information relative to the CP both on a national and a local level. He has taken trips to New York City and while there contacted several prominent national CP figures, including BETTY CANNETT and WILLIAM WEINER. He has furnished a wealth of information relative to past and present CP policies and practices and has an excellent opportunity of again becoming a CP national leader. He has also furnished information relative to the CP Underground.

This informant is contacted by SA FREYMAN at least once a week personally and by telephone usually each day. Informant is paid \$800 per month, \$600 for living expenses, \$100 for miscellaneous expenses, and \$100 to pay back debts.

Reports from the informant are received orally and are considered reliable. The file reflects that his value at the present time continues to consist of his personal knowledge and vast experience in the CP organization. However, he remains on friendly terms with the national and local leaders of the CP and other reliable informants have furnished information to the effect that this informant is still in good standing with the CP leaders. It appears that over a period of time this informant will have an excellent chance of reassociating himself with the prominent and national leaders of the CP and his services should be continued.

#### EVALUATION

Excellent.

DELINQUENCIES

None charged.

INSTRUCTIONS

The potentialities of this informant are excellent, and because of his wide knowledge of the CP activities on a national and local basis the payments to him appear justified. The case, however, should be closely followed by SA FREYMAN and personally supervised by Supervisor MC MAHON and the SAC to insure that every possible opportunity is seized in attempting to place this informant in a prominent position in the national CP picture. The informant should be made to understand that the amount of money paid depends on his ability to produce information of value, and the case should be closely followed to make certain that the Bureau is receiving full value for this expenditure. The Bureau should be constantly informed of his efforts to reactivate himself in the CP.

A review of the file reflects that consideration is being given to a suitable cover for the informant to use relative to his source of income. This matter should be given careful thought and the Bureau's advice relative to the problem should be sought until a definite conclusion is reached as to an appropriate cover. You are also instructed to make certain that the vast amount of information furnished by this informant is properly recorded and channelized.

SA FREYMAN:

The instructions of the Inspector have been noted.

This case will be closely followed to assure that full value is received for expenditures to the informant, and the Bureau will be constantly informed of the informant's progress.

The problem of a suitable cover for the informant's income will continue to receive constant attention and advice and instructions in this regard will be requested from the Bureau. Information received from the informant will be promptly channelized and disseminated.

Supervisor MC MAHON: The Inspector's instructions have been noted and will be complied with. The progress, development and problems involved in the handling of this informant are discussed on an almost daily basis with SA FREYMAN. This case will continue to receive close supervision to insure that every possibility is exploited to the

fullest extent in an effort to place this informant in an advantageous position with the Communist Party on a national level and to insure that full value is received from expenditures to the informant.

SAC WEATHERFORD: I will continue to give the handling and development of this informant my close personal supervision.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9/3/53

FROM : SA C.H. Frazee

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.G.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 9/3/53 Personal Contact -

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

See below.

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: 

100 - 25526 (Harold Young)

Positive: 

100 - 27200 Frank Henderson  
 100 - 2658 (Harold Young) W.W.Y. STRACKE  
 100 - Melville Cohen  
 100 - Anna Scherer  
 100 - Grace Alfrey  
 100 - 26121 George Ford.  
 100 - 18234 Mary Koff.  
 General informant contacts  
 and also latest info  
 above to be disseminated  
 to Subj. file. 4 & 134-46

## PERSONAL DATA:

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September 3, 1953

SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

CG 5824-S

*QPM/k*

Rebulet dated June 19, 1953, captioned "CG 5824-S" requesting discontinuance of the cover employment of CG 5824-S with the firm of NY 694-S.

On August 18, 1953, contact was had with both informant CG 5824-S and NY 694-S by SA CARL N. FREYMAN. The informants advised that CG 5824-S has submitted an appropriate letter of resignation to the firm of NY 694-S together with a request for a leave of absence from employment. NY 694-S advised that the necessary bookkeeping entries are being made so that there will be no report of income of the Chicago informant from that firm.

Informants agreed that they would not publicize this matter among the comrades but if inquiry was made it would be stated that CG 5824-S had requested a leave of absence which was granted but that he still represented the firm of NY 694-S in Chicago as a manufacturer's representative but on a commission basis only.

This arrangement was made for cover purposes only and it is not the intention of NY 694-S to pay CG 5824-S any funds that would require the reporting of income for tax purposes.

Submitted to the Bureau for information.

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Registered Mail

CC: 1 - New York (134-91)

*624*

*134-46-207*

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-340711)

September 3, 1953

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NY 694-S

Re New York letter to the Director dated August 7, 1953, captioned "NY 694-S" with copies to Chicago, requesting that contact be had with CG 5824-S relative to certain matters concerning which the Canadian CP had made inquiry of NY 694-S during the trip of the latter informant to Canada in July, 1953.

For the information of the Bureau, NY 694-S was in Chicago from August 14 through 24, 1953, during which time he had contact with CG 5824-S in the matters set out in referenced New York letter for inquiry. For the Bureau's information, however, CG 5824-S orally advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN on August 24, 1953, that he was well acquainted with RUDY BAKER during BAKER's period of activity in the United States prior to his departure for Yugoslavia in 1947 or 1948. Informant stated that BAKER politically was a staunch follower of the policies of EARL BROWDER calling for co-existence of Communism and Capitalism although BAKER outwardly switched from the BROWDER line to the current policies of FOSTER following the Tuclos letter. BAKER was described by the informant as always expressing a "national" feeling for the United States and Yugoslavia as distinguished between the straight Marxist approach for all Communist activities internationally.

The informant advised that when BAKER was requested to leave the United States he, of course, knew that he was going to a Communist country following the policy of STALIN and, therefore, could only follow the line of the CP. It is the informant's recollection that while BAKER was en route to Yugoslavia, TITO defected from STALIN while still continuing a Communist organization.

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134-91 (NY 694-S)  
100- (RUDY BAKER)

P - Chicago ✓  
(134-46)

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but along nationalistic lines in Yugoslavia. The informant believes that this change was in line with BAUER's Communist feelings and that it was not difficult for BAUER to change to "leftist" on his arrival in Yugoslavia. For that reason the informant believes that BAUER has retained no other connections with the American CP or with the Russian underground in Yugoslavia and that the possibility of his again lining up with SALTIN in the future is remote.

The informant doubts that BAUER would give consent to contact by American authorities because he previously was known to the informant as a person who never trusted anyone and would assume that the information he might furnish would eventually get to Russia.

The second matter which New York requested Chicago to contact CG 5324-S on related to the Chicago informant's opinion on the advisability of NY 694-S allowing SALTIN to represent the New York informant's firm in Canada. This matter was discussed by the agent with both informants on August 21, 1953, at which time both informants stated that they did not feel that such would be advisable because first of all the CP would never consent to do any work other than Party business. The informant, however, felt that the CP, USA, should be advised of the request of the Canadian Party and that any such negotiations should be conditioned on the receipt of approval from BRIEF CANADA to proceed with the plan.

Thereafter, NY 694-S advised that in his opinion he can still the Canadian Party off with the statement that his partner in the business for the time being feels that the present Canadian distribution is sufficient. Thereafter, the informant advised that he believes that he can further stall off the Canadian Party by obtaining other connections for SALTIN if necessary with other firms. It was agreed that NY 694-S might continue to express an interest in negotiations with the Canadian Party and that this would provide the New York Informant with an excellent cover for possible subsequent trips to Canada and also for correspondence with the Canadian Party officials.

In the meantime, NY 694-S stated that he has already entered into correspondence by furnishing the Canadian Party officials

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with his firm's literature and that he will continue to write to JACK COWEN of the Canadian Party on this matter.

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau and New York.

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September 7, 1953

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SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

CG 5824-S

Remylet dated August 17, 1953, summarizing the reactivation efforts of CG 5824-S through August 14, 1953. The following covers the period August 15th through 29th, 1953:

The Bureau is aware that NY 694-S was in Chicago on business during the period August 14th through 24th, 1953. During this period joint discussions were held with both informants on August 18 and 21, 1953, at which time the entire matter of the reactivation activities of these informants was thoroughly discussed.

NY 694-S advised that insofar as the Party standing of CG 5824-S in New York is concerned, he is certain that the informant has the support of the open/leadership and that assignment is just a matter of time.

In support of his opinions, NY 694-S stated that just prior to his departure from New York he saw LEN HARRIS, CP National Functionary, close to WILLIAM WEINER; and STANLEY LEVISON, CP financial expert, and had lengthy discussions with them. HARRIS told NY 694-S that the Party has instructed the Chicago underground to see CG 5824-S and that WEINER was angry when he was told that the informant had not been seen. HARRIS also told the informant that WEINER was seeing the underground leadership within the next few days and would raise the question on why CG 5824-S has not been contacted to date. NY 694-S was given a note by CG 5824-S prior to the departure of the New York informant on August 24th last for delivery to WEINER through HARRIS. The note was brief and was merely a greeting because the informant believes it must be handled in this way at this time. The note did mention that the informant is getting tired of playing "solitaire" and had seen "no one." It is

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1 - New York (Registered)  
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expected that NY 694-S will receive a reply note from WEINER and that WEINER's attitude will be known within the next few days.

NY 694-S advised that his contact with LEVISON and the discussion relating to CG 5824-S was most encouraging. LEVISON sent word through NY 694-S that CG 5824-S should "sit tight" and not expose himself in view of the Philadelphia Smith Act arrests. He instructed NY 694-S to tell CG 5824-S that HARRY MILLER of Chicago, owner of the La Salle Leather Company, should not be seen by them because he is under Bureau investigation and should not be further exposed. LEVISON added that he was sending CG 5824-S a large number of new books and periodicals otherwise unavailable in Chicago, and according to NY 694-S, books when given by or to a CP member are evidence that the person is held in high esteem by the Party.

The other matters discussed by LEVISON with NY 694-S related to a solicitation of NY 694-S' help in securing a market for the production of a new \$200,000 Party business, the Sunset Plates, Inc., of Los Angeles. In that connection, LEVISON told NY 694-S about the entire financial structure of the business, including the identity of the persons involved. This is pointed out to indicate that the CP has complete confidence in both informants or it would not discuss the extremely confidential matter of Party finances with NY 694-S.

During the course of conversation with LEVISON, NY 694-S arranged to make two conventions of lithographers and engravers at Boston and Chicago in October, 1953, with LEVISON in order that he, LEVISON, can be introduced to the trade people and secure outlets for the Sunset Plates, Inc. NY 694-S also told LEVISON that he soon hopes that he can begin to make regular small financial contributions to the Party and, according to the informant, this news was received well by LEVISON.

NY 694-S also advised that prior to his departure from New York August 14, 1953, he had seen MAY WILLIAMSON, wife of JOHN WILLIAMSON, Smith Act subject now in jail. NY 694-S had previously seen MAY WILLIAMSON and had delivered a letter of CG 5824-S to her for delivery to BETTY GANNETT. WILLIAMSON,

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on the occasion of the informant's last meeting with her, told the informant that BETTY GANNETT had received the note and that she was to arrange a meeting between NY 694-S and GANNETT. The informant advised her that he would be unable to see GANNETT until he returned from Chicago on or about August 25th last due to the pressure of business. NY 694-S is carrying oral greetings to GANNETT from CG 5824-S and expects to see her as soon as he can arrange another appointment after his return to New York. He hopes to discuss CG 5824-S with her and will use as a cover for this meeting two matters raised by the Canadian Party leaders, as set out in New York letter to the Bureau of August 7, 1953, entitled "NY 694-S."

During the meeting with MAY WILLIAMSON, she conveyed to NY 694-S and CG 5824-S the personal greetings of her husband and his personal thanks for a subscription to the "New York Times" which NY 694-S had sent to WILLIAMSON on behalf of himself and CG 5824-S. She told the informant that her husband was glad to hear that CG 5824-S is around and again able to make "his contribution".

The above examples were cited by NY 694-S to show how people in and close to the National CP leadership are thinking in relation to CG 5824-S and NY 694-S, and further to show how he, NY 694-S, is continuing to lay the groundwork of the return of CG 5824-S to a national leadership position. Both informants agree that assignment of CG 5824-S is dependant on the attitude of the national leadership of the Party in New York rather than on any individual or individuals responsible for CP activities in the immediate Chicago area. NY 694-S also made the statement that without the help of CG 5824-S he, NY 694-S, could not have made the progress and connections he has been able to make because in this way he always makes his contacts for or in behalf of CG 5824-S.

During the stay of NY 694-S in Chicago, it was decided by the informants after discussion with this office that NY 694-S should make contact with ROBERT A. BROWN, former CP District #8 functionary who left the United States in the late 1930's because of involvement in apparatus work. It was decided that NY 694-S should make this contact with BROWN alone because he had been referred to BROWN by the Canadian Party

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leaders and the informant had a good business cover to explain the contact. The information obtained by NY 694-S in two contacts with BROWN has been set forth in a separate communication to the Bureau and New York under the caption "ROBERT A. BROWN, IS-R" and this letter was dated August 28, 1953. However, in summarizing the informant was able to identify BROWN as the individual he knew in the late 1930's and early 1940's as a close friend of SAM CARR, convicted in the Canadian spy ring, and also as a friend of other Canadian Party officials.

The informant learned that BROWN is now the owner of the "B & F"Machine Products Company, Chicago; that BROWN has maintained his Canadian and American Party contacts; and that he contributes substantially to the Canadian and American Parties. He told the informant that he has an invitation to go to Canada to participate in the "Sam Carr Reunion" when CARR leaves jail on September 14th next. He mentioned that 65% of his plant work is for the Bendix Aviation Corporation and identified his confidential American Party contacts as being LEON KAIZEN, CP District #8 financial secretary, and RALPH SHAW, former chairman of the CP at St. Louis.

In summary, the informants believe that BROWN is a "sleeper" and, of course, the possibility of an espionage case exists.

BROWN had previously not been located or identified through investigation in more than 15 years. In the course of conversation, BROWN expressed the desire to see CG 5824-S, and NY 694-S laid an appropriate business cover for him and CG 5824-S to see BROWN on the return of NY 694-S to Chicago possibly in October next.

As a result of the Canadian trip of NY 694-S and the BROWN contact, both informants believe that the groundwork has been laid for them to do real service for the Bureau and the possibility for a return to Party leadership positions have been greatly increased for both informants.

NY 694-S will talk to GANNETT on his return to New York on the Party's attitude toward the informant's giving SAM CARR a business connection with the informant's firm and the

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possibility exists that developments made also include the assignment of NY 694-S to some type of liaison duty between the Canadian and American CPs.

The informants advised that after talking over the reaction of the Canadian CP leaders, they are more convinced than ever that some or all of the remaining Smith Act fugitives are in Canada. These conclusions are based on the fact that the Canadian leaders did not mention any of the fugitives by name in any of their conversations. They felt that the omissions were intentional and interpreted the omissions to, in fact, be admissions that they have knowledge of the whereabouts of these people. The only other significant thing that occurred relating to the Smith Act fugitives was that the Canadian leaders laid great credence to the articles of JOHN SWIFT, currently appearing in "Political Affairs." This, according to the informants, indicates that they know the identity of the author and CG 5824-S had previously advised that based on his knowledge of CP authors, their capabilities for writing on various subjects, and the style of the SWIFT articles, he, the informant is certain that JOHN SWIFT is identical with GIL GREEN, Smith Act fugitive.

Much of the time of CG 5824-S during the period was spent in conferences with NY 694-S and for that and other reasons hereinafter set out the informants personal contacts during the pertinent period were somewhat limited.

The informant, however, on August 19, 1953, was visited by CHARLES MITCHELL, CP trade union functionary who, according to previous information furnished by the informant, has been assigned to underground work. MITCHELL spent 9 hours with the informant and told the informant that he had recently attended and spoke at 2 district CP conferences at which trade union and Party security matters were topics for discussion and study. He told the informant that he was briefed on security regulations in view of his recent contact by Bureau agents and that he is now more careful, and when he approached the informant's home he was certain that CG 5824-S is not under surveillance at the present time. MITCHELL told

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the informant that he had seen SAM KUSHNER, missing District #8 functionary, presumably at the conference but did not furnish additional information. MITCHELL made the comment that KUSHNER had stated that he does not believe he is under observation by the Bureau although his wife is. MITCHELL also told the informant that MOLLY LIEBER WEST, wife of JIM WEST, missing District #8 functionary, was recently again under surveillance by the Bureau but now she feels the surveillances have been discontinued.

MITCHELL also discussed political and related matters with the informant during the contact. He told the informant that the above conferences in discussing security went into the matter of Philadelphia arrests and concluded that there was a leak and as a result and because Chicago is expected to be the scene of the next Smith Act arrests, Party functionaries were instructed to "lay low."

On August 17, 1953, informant was visited by Dr. SOLOMON PEARLMAN, CP doctor at Chicago. PEARLMAN confidentially told the informant that his in-laws, BERNARD and SOPHIE FELDMAN, presently underground, were in Chicago during the past week and that after a family get together at the PEARLMAN residence the FELDMANS left immediately. PEARLMAN indicated that he was surprised to see them and he was not aware of their present location. PEARLMAN told the informant that the Bureau had been interviewing Party doctors and that he thought he was next on the Bureau's list. He told the informant that he was prepared to refuse to talk to the Bureau and that he would get rid of the FBI in a hurry. He told the informant that to his knowledge, two Party doctors had already been interviewed and identified these doctors and told the informant about their reactions to the Bureau's approaches.

On August 25, 1953, the informant saw MAX WEINSTEIN, brother-in-law of HARRY FRIDGES, at the WEINSTEIN residence. The informant obtained information concerning the ownership of a farm in Colorado which was formerly owned by HORACE CRITCHLOW, a defected CP member. This farm, according to information obtained by the informant, is now owned by CRITCHLOW's sister, JEAN KOSMAN, a CP member of Chicago, and her sister in New York. This information is being submitted to Denver for possible use inasmuch as the farm may in the future be used for CP rendezvous. The

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informant additionally obtained some information concerning HARRY BRIDGES and other rank and file members of the Party in Chicago.

In addition to the above, the informant continues to be in regular contact with his New York sources of information including MARCEL and LENA SCHERER. In that connection, the informant was able to furnish in advance information concerning a trip by the SCHERERS to the Romanian Embassy on August 26th last and also advised that a UN official, believed to be a Romanian, had visited the SCHERERS in New York just prior to his recall from the UN.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Discussions held with both informants on August 18 and 21 last, as stated above, reflect that CG 5824-S will be assigned and that both informants are gradually and steadily making progress and gaining the confidence of the national leadership of the Party and are becoming more and more involved in Party work.

CG 5824-S' reactivation efforts have been somewhat slowed down during recent weeks due to the fact that NY 694-S had been absent from New York because of his trips to Canada and to Chicago. New York airtel to the Bureau and Chicago of August 26, 1953, advised that NY 694-S was scheduled to meet with LEM HARRIS if available on August 27, 1953, so that HARRIS may make arrangements for the informant to contact WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and/or BETTY GANNETT. NY 694-S was also planning to spend August 29 and 30 with ALICE CITRON and her husband, ISADOR BEGUN, the former Bronx organizer and a Smith Act subject at the recently held New York trial.

New York airtel of August 27, 1953, entitled "CP, USA, UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS, IS-C" reported that NY 694-S had seen LEVISON on August 26, 1953, and had learned from LEVISON that a broad national committee meeting of the Party was held about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  weeks ago. LEVISON indicated in discussion that WILLIAM WEINER had told him that this national committee meeting was one reason for delaying the decision as to the selection of assignment

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for CG 5824-S. This communication contained considerable information concerning what happened at the broad national committee meeting and LEVISON told the New York informant that now the CP leadership could better determine the best assignment on a national scale for CG 5824-S. The informant made the comment to the New York agents that he felt that additional information regarding the national committee meeting would be furnished to CG 5824-S by Party functionaries. NY 694-S in his contacts with GANNETT and WEINER will advise them concerning his recent talks with CG 5824-S and, if inquiry is made, will state that CG 5824-S has not been contacted to date.

The informant advised on August 28, 1953, that he expects that NY 694-S will in the immediate future obtain letters from WILLIAM WEINER and BETTY GANNETT for delivery to the Chicago informant but that until such time as these communications are received and reactions analyzed, it is felt that the informant should not further expose himself as per New York instructions and in view of the recent Philadelphia arrests.

PEGGY DENNIS, wife of EUGENE DENNIS, general secretary of the CP and close friend of the informant, is scheduled to be in Chicago for a meeting on September 11th next. The informant advised that he will attempt to see her unless he receives instructions to the contrary by the Party. In summary, it is believed that progress must be weighed in the light that both informants are being accepted because of their relationships and if such is the case, it can only be concluded that both informants are making favorable progress. The Bureau and New York will be advised of any further developments, and one additional copy is being furnished to the Bureau for the file of NY 694-S (Bufile 100-340711).

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, (134-46) CC [redacted] b7D

DATE: 9-5-53

FROM : SA C. N. Ferguson

SUBJECT: CG 5824-5

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ (S.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 9/8/53

## TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

134-46 (CG 5824-5)

100-W<sup>2</sup> <sup>m</sup> Seznott

100-21222 (CP - Ferguson)

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

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Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: 

Re. Rebuttal in Effs - CG 5824-5 - Following message  
 dictated by PS - [redacted] - to CG 5824-5 - was received on  
 above date from William Seznott.

"Sorry I have not been able to get to you sooner - I have been  
 busy. If you have not already been seen by the person  
 you expect you will expect to see 'in no later than  
 September 15. If there are any others let me know.  
 This will clarify things for you good things I am then  
 This will clarify things for you good things I am then  
 PERSONAL DATA: be discussed more completely. —

Wife wife Re. assault to be disseminated to  
 Subject file, for 100-21222 and A 134-46.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9/8/53

FROM : SA D. H. Thompson

SUBJECT: 295824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.G.I. \_\_\_\_\_ (S.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 9/8/53

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100- Paul Kossoff

100- 128 (C.P.)

68-867 (Clarence Thompson)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: 

Re. 9/6/53. Meeting with Subject and  
 discussion of Subj & Det #8 CP  
 for transmission to 128 file, Clarence Thompson  
 and 38- Det #8 file, as well as  
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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9-8-53

FROM : SA *S. N. Feltman*SUBJECT: *SG 5824-S*

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: *9-5-53 by phone.*

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

*100- Dr. Solomon Pearlman**100- Dr. Harry I. Miller*

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: *Perlman* \_\_\_\_\_① Re. Contact of subject *9-4-53*

(1+2) To be disseminated for subj. file

*Acct 4-134-46*② Re. Contact of CS  with Miller *9/8/53*

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C. N. Freyman

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On 9/8/53 Sa Chas. Colleghzier and the writer caused the indices of INS Chicago to be searched by [redacted] INS Liaison desk. [redacted] advised that there is no subject file opened by INS on GS [redacted] in Chicago but there are references which have not been consolidated. There is a record of a filing of a declaration of intention to become a citizen which indicates that the source's USDC petition # is [redacted] in the USDC Chicago. In conformance with Bureau instructions it was not indicated why inquiry was being made and of course no request was made to defer investigation.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC 134-46

DATE: 9-3-53

FROM :

Carl N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

On the above date the writer paid the informant the sum of \$400. for services rendered from 8-16- through 8-31-53 at the Chatham hotel. Receipt obtained and turned into the front office. By letter dated July 28, 1953, Bureau authorized payment of \$400.00 per month to this informant for a period of six months.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665) (AIR MAIL, REGISTERED)

CG-5824-S. INFORMANT WAS ADVISED BY LETTER FROM NY-694-S ON SEPTEMBER FOUR LAST THAT WILLIAM WEINER IS VERY ILL. NEW YORK CONTACT NY-694-S TO DETERMINE NAME OF HOSPITAL AND ADDRESS WHERE WEINER CONFINED AND DETERMINE NY-694-S' OPINION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A COMMUNICATION TO WEINER AT THE HOSPITAL IS ADVISABLE. ALSO ADVISE NY-694-S THAT INFORMANT RECEIVED NOTE FROM WILLIAM SENNETT, CP DISTRICT NO. EIGHT OPEN ORGANIZER, THAT HE SHOULD EXPECT CONTACT WITH "PERSON YOU EXPECT" NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN NEXT. SUAIRTEL RE WEINER.

WEATHERFORD

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cc: 2 - New York (AMSD, REGISTERED)  
(1 - 134- (CG-5824-S))  
(1 - 134-91 (NY-694-S))

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

September 11, 1953

SAC CHICAGO (134-46)

CG 5824-S

On August 28, 1953, CG 5824-S, orally advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN that during the course of the visit of [redacted] of Miami to Chicago in August, 1953, the son had advised him that the informant's former wife, HELEN CHILDS nee KAPLAN of Miami, had recently become connected with RUTH, last name not recalled by informant, who also lives in Miami.

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According to informant, RUTH's husband is now deceased and the husband was formerly a close acquaintance of ALEXANDER BITTLEMAN, national functionary of the Communist Party and the residence of these individuals was used by BITTLEMAN in connection with his frequent trips to Miami.

The general tone of the conversation of RUTH with the former wife of CG 5824-S indicated some displeasure of the fact that the informant's former wife was no longer in touch with her. The informant's former wife made inquiry of CG 5824-S as to whether or not he desired her to keep in contact with this person.

This informant advised on August 28, 1953, that it is possible that in connection with the informant's re-activation efforts, the Party is presently checking on the status and activity of his former wife and son at Miami, through the individual previously described. The informant, therefore, felt it necessary for him to advise his former wife through his son to contact RUTH and to at least indicate some degree of friendliness and sociability. The informant believed that this step was necessary in connection with the informant's re-activation efforts in view of the possibility that the Party may be checking every angle in the informant's life prior to assigning the informant.

This is being furnished to the Bureau and Miami for information and particularly to explain any possible involvements of the informant's former wife with Communist Party personnel in the Miami area in the future.

No copy of this letter is being designated for the file of HELEN CHILDS at Miami, it being felt that it would be sufficient to index her name in order that the informant's security can be protected to the maximum degree.

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cc: 1-Miami (134- CG 5824-S)

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DIRECTOR AND SAC CHICAGO URGENT

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR - S. DURING DISCUSION WITH BETTY GANNETT ~~XXXXX~~ GANNETT ON SEPT. NINE, FIFTYTHREE RELATING TO PROPOSED COURIER ACTIVITY OF NY SIX NINE FOUR - S WHICH IS BEING REPORTED BY SEPERATE AIRTEL UNDER CAPTION "SASH - ESP R" GANNETT STATED THAT PHIL BART IS THE TOP MIDWEST CP UNDERGROUND LEADER WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO EFFECT THE REACTIVATION IN THE CP OF ~~EX~~ CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR - S. SHE SAID THAT AT A CONFERENCE SOMETIME AGO ATTENDED BY FOSTER, GANNETT AND OTHER TOP CP LEADERS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME, BART WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR - S. GANNETT SAID SHE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY BART AS YET HAS NOT CONTACTED CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR - S UNLESS HE HAS REFRAINED FROM DOING SO OWING TO RECENT ARRESTS OF CP FUNCTIONARIES. /NY SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY THAT BART MAY BE MAKING INDEPENDENT CHECK OF CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR - S ACTIVITEES BEFORE CONTACTING HIM/. GANNETT FURTHER MENTIONED THAT WITH RESPECT TO CP UNDERGROUND ACTIVITEES "THE PARTY HAS LEARNED A LOT IN THE PAST YEAR AND DURING THE NEXT YEAR THINGS WILL REALLY TIGHTEN UP AND THE UNDERGROUND WILL REALLY GO TO TOWN".

BOARDMAN

*Satman & Hellman advised 10/27/53*  
END ACK PLS  
WA 10-37 PM OK FBI WA NB  
OK FBI CG MM  
TU DISC

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*Kreyer - J*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9-11-53

FROM : SA *P. N. Freymann*SUBJECT: *C95824-S*

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.G.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT:

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Item) Re Reactivation of informant

(a) William Sennett Called 25 [redacted] b7D  
+ told her to see him after work. He was working  
for C95824-S

(b) HARRY Miller Called ES [redacted] on business  
made recent inquiry as to health + whereabouts of  
W. Sennett

(c) Note from 334 6945 advised William Weiss  
Very ill - Note sent Weiss + friend to him  
Harry for delivery in early July just received  
these three days, a go  
694- thinking big to seeing person  
(believed to be Betty Sennett) 81 2nd 30th  
7/12/53

PERSONAL DATA:

Info not being disseminated

RATING \_\_\_\_\_

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VERAGE \_\_\_\_\_

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, CHICAGO 9/14/53

**CODE UNDERLINED**

Urgent

CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR AND NY  
SEPTEMBER ELEVEN LAST AND NY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO SEPTEMBER  
THIRTEEN LAST CAPTIONED CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S, SETTING FORTH  
INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE CONTACT OF CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S  
WITH CP NATIONAL UNDERGROUND LEADERSHIP FOR DISCUSSION RE REACTIVATION OF  
INFORMANT AT NATIONAL LEVEL. REFERENCE ALSO BULET TO NY AUGUST TWENTY ONE  
LAST ENTITLED QUOTE SASH UNQUOTE, ESPIONAGE DASH R, AND BUTEL TO ALL SACS  
DATED AUGUST SIX LAST ENTITLED COMPROS DASH PHILADELPHIA, THE LATTER COMMUNI-  
CATION AUTHORIZING ARREST OF PHILADELPHIA SMITH ACT SUBJECTS INCLUDING PHIL  
BART ON SIGHT. CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S RECEIVED SECOND NOTE  
FROM WILLIAM SENNETT, CP DISTRICT NO. EIGHT OPEN DISTRICT ORGANIZER ON  
SEPTEMBER TWELVE LAST, PERTINENT PORTIONS OF WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS: SENNETT  
QUOTE RECEIVED WORD UNQUOTE TO ARRANGE TO HAVE INFORMANT MEET THE PERSON

CNF:ELS/gls 134-46

cc: 1 - 100-21222  
1 - 100-3960 (WILLIAM SENNETT)  
1 - 100-2644 (PHIL BART)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

9/15- WA, PH, NY.  
Sent 9/15 M Per CH  
MIA 10/3/84-446-2192

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: CONT'D.

QUOTE <sup>13</sup> YOU EXPECTED UNQUOTE. IT WILL BE <sup>14</sup> TUESDAY NIGHT SEPTEMBER <sup>15</sup> FIFTEEN.

SENNETT QUOTE <sup>15</sup> WAS TOLD UNQUOTE TO ARRANGE TO BRING INFORMANT THERE BUT HAS <sup>16</sup> A QUOTE VERY IMPORTANT UNQUOTE MEETING THAT NIGHT AND WILL NOT KNOW WHETHER <sup>17</sup> HE CAN ACCOMPANY INFORMANT UNTIL <sup>18</sup> SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN INSTANT. HE <sup>19</sup> INSTRUCTED <sup>20</sup> INFORMANT TO PROCEED <sup>21</sup> AT SEVEN P.M. TO AN QUOTE <sup>22</sup> L UNQUOTE ON THE CHICAGO <sup>23</sup> NORTH SIDE WHERE HE, <sup>24</sup> SENNETT, WOULD <sup>25</sup> MEET HIM. HE STATED THAT QUOTE <sup>26</sup> IT'S A <sup>27</sup> LONG TRIP FOR YOU UNQUOTE BUT THAT HE HAD <sup>28</sup> ARRANGED HIS MEETING WITH INFORMANT <sup>29</sup> AT A POINT WHICH IS IN THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THEY ARE GOING. HE ADDS THAT <sup>30</sup> IN CASE HE, SENNETT, IS UNABLE TO MAKE IT, HE, <sup>31</sup> SENNETT, WILL QUOTE <sup>32</sup> GET <sup>33</sup> AGREEMENT UNQUOTE PAREN <sup>34</sup> FROM THE UNDERGROUND PERSON PAREN ON THE PERSON WHO <sup>35</sup> WILL TAKE INFORMANT THERE AND STATED THAT THIS <sup>36</sup> PERSON WILL BE SOMEONE KNOWN <sup>37</sup> TO INFORMANT. A POSTSCRIPT STATES THAT <sup>38</sup> SENNETT WAS TOLD IT MAY BE NECESSARY <sup>39</sup> FOR INFORMANT TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN WHICH CASE INFORMANT SHOULD COME PREPARED. <sup>40</sup> HE THEN INSTRUCTED INFORMANT ON THE MANNER IN WHICH <sup>41</sup> INFORMANT SHOULD BE ON <sup>42</sup> THE ALERT FOR QUOTE TAILS UNQUOTE AND HOW HE SHOULD PROCEED TO QUOTE <sup>43</sup> L UNQUOTE STATION. CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED <sup>44</sup> NY DASH SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ON SEPTEMBER TWELVE LAST AND WAS TOLD THAT <sup>45</sup> NY DASH SIX NINE FOUR DASH S HAD LEARNED FROM BETTY GANNETT THAT <sup>46</sup> PHIL BART HAD <sup>47</sup> BEEN ASSIGNED BY NATIONAL CP OFFICE TO CONTACT INFORMANT AND ASSIGN HIM <sup>48</sup> NATIONALLY. ASSIGNMENT ACCORDING TO GANNETT'S STATEMENT TO NY DASH SIX NINE <sup>49</sup> FOUR DASH S IS TO BE WORK ALONG THE LINES DISCUSSED <sup>50</sup> BETWEEN GANNETT AND CG

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 Special Agent in Charge

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CONT'D.

DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S IN MAY FIFTY THREE THAT IS ON <sup>61</sup> SELECTION AND  
ASSIGNMENT OF QUOTE <sup>62</sup> CADRES UNQUOTE. IN VIEW OF APPARENT FAVORABLE DEVELOP-  
 MENTS CONCERNING THE <sup>63</sup> REACTIVATION <sup>64</sup> EFFORTS AT A HIGH LEVEL NATIONALLY OF  
 BOTH NY DASH SIX NINE FOUR DASH S AND CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S,  
<sup>65</sup> IT IS FELT THAT BOTH INFORMANTS CAN BE OF GREATEST POTENTIAL SERVICE TO  
 BUREAU IF THEY ARE ALLOWED WIDEST POSSIBLE LATITUDE TO OPERATE UNTIL SUCH  
 TIME AS THE POTENTIAL VALUE OF THESE <sup>66</sup> INFORMANTS CAN BE DEFINITELY EVALUATED  
<sup>67</sup> AS A RESULT OF FURTHER CONTACTS. CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S ADVISED  
 SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN LAST THAT HE BELIEVES HIS <sup>68</sup> MEETING WILL NOT BE TOO <sup>69</sup> FAR  
<sup>70</sup> NORTH OF CHICAGO, POSSIBLY A SUBURB OR IN NEARBY <sup>71</sup> WISCONSIN. HE IS QUITE  
<sup>72</sup> CERTAIN THAT THE CONTACT <sup>73</sup> WILL BE WITH EITHER PHIL BART OR <sup>74</sup> JACK KLING, BOTH  
<sup>75</sup> NATIONAL FUNCTIONARIES UNDERGROUND. EXPERIENCE OF THIS OFFICE ON FISURS OF  
<sup>76</sup> SENNETT HAS BEEN THAT HE IS MOST ALERT AT ALL TIMES TO THE POSSIBILITY OF  
 FISURS. IT IS ALSO FELT THAT CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S, IF ALLOWED  
<sup>77</sup> TO DEVELOP UNDERGROUND CONTACTS NORMALLY, HAS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR SERVICE  
 TO BUREAU AND THAT ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME WHERE THERE IS EVEN REMOTE  
 POSSIBILITY OF DETECTION WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER USEFUL-  
<sup>78</sup> NESS OF BOTH OF THESE HIGH PLACED INFORMANTS. IN VIEW OF ALERTNESS OF  
<sup>79</sup> SENNETT TO FISUR AND ALSO BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF JEOPARDIZING  
<sup>80</sup> INFORMANTS FURTHER POTENTIALITIES NO COVERAGE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED MEETING  
<sup>81</sup> IS CONTEMPLATED. SHOULD IT DEVELOP THAT THE CONTACT IS WITH <sup>82</sup> BART, IT IS THEN

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 Special Agent in Charge

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CONTEMPLATED THAT ALL RAMIFICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN LINE WITH INSTRUCTIONS  
SET OUT IN REFERENCED BUTEL OF AUGUST SIX LAST TO APPREHEND BART ON SIGHT.

INFORMANT HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ASCERTAIN ALL DETAILS CONCERNING UNDERGROUND  
CONTACT AS WELL AS LOCATION OF CONTACT, ETC., AND FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THIS  
INFORMATION THE BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED. IF IT  
DEVELOPS THAT THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES OF LOCATING BART, BUREAU ADVICE WILL BE  
SOUGHT AS TO WHETHER ACTIVE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO LOCATE BART OR WHETHER  
IT MIGHT BE MORE DESIRABLE TO PERMIT BOTH INFORMANTS TO OPERATE AND FURTHER  
DEVELOP HIGH NATIONAL UNDERGROUND CONTACTS ON A LONG RANGE BASIS RATHER THAN  
POSSIBLY DESTROYING USEFULNESS OF BOTH INFORMANTS THROUGH APPREHENSION OF  
BART BEFORE THERE HAS BEEN FULL OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIALITY.  
BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

WEATHERFORD

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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*CG FORM 200-7*  
*copy to [unclear] notified.*

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- SECY
- ACCOUNTING
- CLERK
- SGT C. C.
- CRIMINAL
- LIAISON
- SECURITY
- SEL. SER.
- STENO SUP.
- TECHNICAL

COMPRES, PHILA. BUFILE, ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE DASH SEVEN FOUR, SUB FILE THREE EIGHT. REBUAIRTEL TO ALL SACS, SEPT. SIXTH, FIFTYTHREE STATING THAT ON SEPT. FOURTH, FIFTYTHREE, DEPT. OF JUSTICE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO DEPARTMENTAL ATTY MC CUSTY AT PHILA TO HAVE PROCESS AVAILABLE AGAINST PHIL BART AND OTHER MISSING SMITH ACT SUBJS OF PHILA OFFICE AND INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZING ARREST OF BART AND OTHERS ON SIGHT. REFERENCE ALSO MYTEL TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO, SEPT. THIRTEEN, FIFTYTHREE CAPTIONED CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S ADVISING THAT ACCORDING TO BETTY GANNETT, PHIL BART IS A TOP MIDWEST UNDERGROUND LEADER DELEGATED TO EFFECT REACTIVATION IN CP OF CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. REFERENCE ALSO UNDATED CHICAGO AIRTEL CAPTIONED CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S RECEIVED IN NY SEPT. THIRTEENTH, FIFTYTHREE, ADVISING THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S RECEIVED NOTE FROM WILLIAM SENNETT, CHICAGO CP ORGANIZER, THAT SAID INFORMANT SHOULD EXPECT CONTACT WITH "PERSON YOU EXPECT" NO LATER THAN SEPT. FIFTEENTH. IT IS REQUESTED THAT BUREAU CONSIDER WHETHER THE ARREST OF BART AT THIS TIME WILL JEOPARDIZE THE SECURITY OF CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S AND NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S, AND ALSO THE REACTIVATION OF CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ISSUE IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER.

BOARDMAN

DIRECTOR AND PHILA ADVISED

END

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*cc: [unclear] 1965*

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9-15-53

FROM : SA C. N. Faleyman

SUBJECT: Q9 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.G.I. \_\_\_\_\_ (S.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT:

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

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PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ (Positive: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Arrangements made Re. Reactivation  
 Contact with Q9 5824-S through CS [redacted]  
 [redacted] in connection with CP-Underground  
 Contact 9-15-53

PERSONAL DATA:

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9/14/53

FROM : SA Carl N. Foyman  
SUBJECT: Q9 5824-5

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ (S.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT:

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100 - 21222 -

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

Info. obtained re. Receipt of Note from  
William Sennett to informant regarding  
informant contact with CP National underground  
person not identified on 9/15/53 at 7829  
Contents being placed in 134-46

4. info re Sennett being disseminated  
to 100-3463 (Sennett) and 100-21222  
CP - Chicago and to 100 Phil  
Best  
2644

PERSONAL DATA:

RATING \_\_\_\_\_

COVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9/14/53

FROM : SA Carl N. Faganman  
SUBJECT: 134-46-5

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ (S.I. \_\_\_\_\_) P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

## DATES OF CONTACT:

## TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100- Lex Silver.

Also. Informants understood contact  
planned for 9-10-

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

Rec'd 4/14 from Scher - Re  
Wm. Lawrence of my & Joe Starbini of  
NY.  
X re disseminated to NY & A 134-46.

## PERSONAL DATA:

RATING \_\_\_\_\_

COVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_

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AIR-TEL  
NEW YORK, 9/14/53

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- CRIMINAL
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- SECURITY
- SEL. SER.
- STENO SUP.
- TECHNICAL

GG 5824-S. BUFILE 61-7665. RE UNDATED CHICAGO AIR-TEL RECEIVED NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 13, LAST. WILLIAM WIENER IS AT HOSPITAL FOR JOINT DISEASES, 1919 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK CITY. NY 694-S BELIEVES IT ADVISABLE FOR CG 5824-S TO WRITE TO WIENER AT HOSPITAL. AS YET, NY 694-S HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFIC NATURE OF WIENER'S INSTANT ILLNESS. WIENER REPORTEDLY IS "VERY ILL."

BOARDMAN

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60000

✓ 2-CHICAGO (134-46) (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)  
1-NY 134-91

ACB:HCH (#7)  
66-6989

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI (61-7665)

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September 15, 1953

*John*  
SAC, Chicago (134-46)

CO-5824-S

Re my list September 7, 1953, summarizing the reactivation efforts of CO-5824-S through August 29, 1953. The following is a resume of the informant's efforts through September 14, 1953:

During the past two weeks, two important developments occurred in connection with the informant's reactivation efforts which indicate that he will soon have a national Communist Party assignment.

The first development occurred on September 5, 1953, when WILLIAM SENNETT, District Number Eight Open District Organizer, requested CS [ ] to deliver a note from him to CO-5824-S. The note was typed by SENNETT in the presence of CS [ ] and pertinent portions are as follows:

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"I haven't reached you because I was told you would be seen by a person you are expecting. However, if you haven't yet been seen, it will be not later than September 15. After that discussion things will be a little clearer and we'll be able to know what is possible here. Let me know if there are any hitches."

The letter was signed "BILL".

This note was followed on September 11, 1953, with a phone call by SENNETT to CS [ ] at her office, during which SENNETT told the source that he had something important and wanted to see her at the Modern Bookstore, which is also SENNETT's office, as soon as possible. On the same date, the source met SENNETT after work and SENNETT, in her presence, typed a second note, the pertinent portions of which are as follows:

b7D

"I received word to arrange to have you see the person you expected. It's to be Tuesday night (September 15). I was told to arrange to bring you there but I have a very important meeting that night and it creates a problem. It will take me until Monday to resolve my own problem but in any case, suppose we meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. (September 15) at the Fullerton Avenue "L" Station. I'll meet you downstairs in front of the station. It's a long trip for you but I figured it would be the easiest."

CNF:asj *M*  
REGISTERED

1 cc: New York (134-91)(NY-694-S)(REGISTERED)

1 cc: [ ]

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transportation in the direction we're going.  
In case I can't make it, I'll get agreement on  
the person who will meet you to take you there.  
It will be someone you know."

The letter is signed "BILL".

A postscript states "I was told that it may be necessary for you to stay overnight in which case you should come prepared". He next instructed the informant to be alert for "tails" and to get off subways several times and to "backtrack" occasionally. He advised the informant that he would be in his office on the following Saturday and on Tuesday if there was any necessity for contact regarding plans.

On September 13, 1953, the informant advised that he had been in telephone contact with NY-694-S on September 12, 1953, and had been told by NY-694-S that he had seen BETTY GANNETT, National Organization Secretary of the Canadian Communist Party, during the past week. NY-694-S was most cordially received by GANNETT who responded favorably to the proposition given NY-694-S by the Canadian Communist Party. He told CG-5824-S that he may have to make a business trip "far away" within the next ten days, and indicated that this trip had been suggested by GANNETT in connection with Party work. NY-694-S then told CG-5824-S that in speaking with GANNETT concerning CG-5824-S, she had told him that the underground leadership had orders to see CG-5824-S and further that they had been given a time limit to do so and if nothing happened within the next few days, people would be disciplined. The informant was told by NY-694-S that GANNETT in speaking of the nature of the proposed assignment of CG-5824-S, had said that the discussion she had in May, 1953, with CG-5824-S concerning assignment, "stood" and that he would not be placed completely underground because of health nor would he be "exposed". It will be recalled that GANNETT in 1953 in talking with CG-5824-S agreed that the informant could work to advantage for the Party in the choosing and assigning of "Cadres" and GANNETT's current remarks indicate that this is what the Party has in mind for the informant at the present time.

On September 13, 1953, these matters were thoroughly discussed with the informant and he stated that in his opinion the present outlook is most encouraging. He added, however, that as of now he declined to speculate as to assignment until he has contact with the national underground leadership. He cautioned again that his first assignment may not be all that he and the Bureau desires but added that nevertheless he is certain that if he

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is given wide latitude in operations he can render important service to the Bureau. He stated that he will refuse assignment that will expose him or reduce his activity to matters concerning education or writing if these proposals do not place him in contact with leadership so that he can be aware of the happenings and policies of the inner leadership of the Party. The informant pleaded for time to fully develop the potentialities that appear to be developing and requested that the Bureau allow him to keep his channels with the underground open so long as they are useful to the interests of the Bureau in order to give the informant opportunity to take fullest advantage of every opportunity offered and further in order to allow him to solidify his position which will undoubtedly take considerable time. The informant pointed out that if arrests or miscellaneous investigations are made which in any way disturb his connections with the underground in the immediate future on any of the persons he may be in contact with, then the results which he has attempted to get for more than one and one-half years will only partially be had and his usefulness to the Bureau may be destroyed by exposure. He asks for the Bureau to think in long-range terms along the line that the Communist menace will be with us for years because Communism in this country will not be destroyed by arrests and he stated that if the Bureau recognizes these facts and is interested in high level information rather than a short-range program of prosecutions and statistics, he feels that he can provide great assistance and the Bureau will not again find itself unaware of such high level Party decisions as the decision to hide the Smith Act fugitives. The informant emphasized, however, that he recognizes the necessity for prosecutions on a selected basis on individuals in the leadership of the Communist movement who have the power to direct and lead the Communist Party and he stated that he will do everything in his power to point out and locate the 100 or more people who actually caused the Party to function as a going organization in this country.

The informant was assured that in his initial meeting with the Communist Party national underground leadership there would be no effort to cover the above meeting. The Bureau, New York, Philadelphia, and Milwaukee were advised by teletype of September 14, 1953, captioned "CO-5824-S" of the above developments, and a telephone call received by this office from Inspector CARL MERRICK on September 14, 1953, instructed that there be no coverage of the above described meeting. In connection with the Chicago teletype, above described, it was pointed out that the initial contact with the underground leadership by the informant would possibly be with PHIL BART.

The Chicago teletype advised the Bureau that in the event that the contact was with BART, this office would seek instructions from the Bureau

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as to whether the Bureau desired the apprehension of BART in line with current Bureau instructions concerning him or whether it might desire to adopt a long-range viewpoint on the underground situation and allow the informant to continue his contacts with BART in an effort to secure all possible information concerning the underground network through the full utilization and potential of this informant.

In addition to the above developments, the informant has continued to make local Communist Party contacts with individuals of importance and to provide information obtained through correspondence with contacts in New York. The informant additionally has been regularly contacted on pending cases of importance in this office in the security and espionage fields and furnishes information of value, particularly on background of individuals. He continues to furnish additional information concerning the identity and activity of individuals in attendance at the Lenin School.

Specifically, the informant during the past two weeks obtained information from MARION and LENA SCHERER, prominent Communists of New York, concerning the arrest of ROBERT THOMPSON, et al, while "vacationing on a mountain top". The general reaction obtained from these individuals concerning the arrests which is believed to reflect the opinions of leading Communists in New York is that there was a "leak" but that THOMPSON was an "idiot" for being present with so many key people as well as with young and untrusted people. There are also indications that THOMPSON, because of his negligence in underground activity, is through in Party leadership. From the same source, the informant learned that Mrs. CARL WINTER, wife of CARL WINTER, Smith Act subject presently incarcerated, had visited the SCHERERS along with MAY WILLIAMSON, wife of JOHN WILLIAMSON, who is incarcerated in the same jail as WINTER. The SCHERERS advised the informant that the Communist Party leadership keeps the wives of these important Party leaders in the dark concerning present policies to the point where when they go to see their husbands in jail they are unable to convey any messages or ask any advice in behalf of the Communist Party from these key leaders. The informant pointed out that this has a demoralizing effect on both WINTER and WILLIAMSON and is embarrassing to the wives of these people because they have nothing to report to their husbands in connection with their visits at jail with them. Informant was also able to furnish some details concerning the recent contact of the SCHERERS with personnel of the Romanian Embassy and with Romanians in the UN.

On August 29 and 30, the informant was in contact with leading Hyde Park Communist leaders, including DIANE VOGEL, believed to be the Hyde Park

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Organizer, GERTRUDE MEYER, MULF and SUE COHEN, and CHARLES MITCHELL, the latter being presently operating in an underground assignment. The occasion was a funeral of the mother of SUE COHEN. However, the informant used it to renew his long-broken contact with DIANE VOGEL and to secure information from MITCHELL concerning MITCHELL's current plans. MITCHELL indicated to the informant that due to his health, he would not leave the city for the present in connection with his assignment. All of these people were glad to see the informant and talk with him and seemed to be primarily concerned with the informant's health to the point where they told him that they were not going to allow him to visit the cemetery because it might have ill effects on his health.

On September 4, 1953, the informant saw Dr. SAUL PEARLMAN, CP doctor and brother-in-law of SOPHIE and BERNARD FELDMAN, the latter of whom are currently underground. PEARLMAN told the informant that he is no longer attending FRANK MUCCI, District Number Eight Functionary underground leader, who has been ill for more than a year.

On September 5, 1953, C [redacted] of the informant, had lunch with HARRY I. MILLER, owner of the LASALLE Leather Company, a Party business, and an individual on a confidential national Party assignment. MILLER b7D discussed the arrest of ROBERT THOMPSON with her and told the source that he was anxious to see CO-5824-S but had orders not to because the FBI is investigating him and his business. He told the source that he had not been to New York since August, at which time he saw WILLIAM WEINER among others.

The circumstances surrounding the receipt of notes from WILLIAM SENNET, above described, on September 5 and 11, 1953, have been previously set forth.

On September 6, 1953, the informant spent two hours with PHIL KOSSOFF, Professional Section Organizer of the CP. The informant learned from KOSSOFF that he has resigned his leadership position due to disagreements with the local leadership and believes that his request for reassignment will be honored by the CP. KOSSOFF told the informant of his recent approach by Bureau Agents and gave the informant an accurate report concerning the approach, his replies, and the specific points raised by the Agents during the short conversation with him. The informant advised that KOSSOFF then asked for the informant's opinions concerning such international, political matters as the Communist action in Germany, the arrest of HERIA and other matters of importance which were matters that had been cited to KOSSOFF by the interviewing agent. The informant advised that in his opinion some of the matters raised were causing KOSSOFF to raise ideological questions concerning Communism. In addition, KOSSOFF advised the informant that he had been on the West Coast for a vacation and while there had visited HARRY BRIDGES and VINCENT HALLINAN, the latter being the Presidential candidate of the Progressive Party in 1952.

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A letter received by the informant from LENA SCHERER, previously described, on September 10, 1953, furnished some details concerning the trip of her husband, MARCEL SCHERER, to one of the embassies in Washington over the Labor Day weekend. She also advised the informant that she has been unable to make contact with WILLIAM LAWRENCE, presently a functionary of the New York District of the CP, for several months. The informant interpreted this remark to mean that LAWRENCE is presently operating in an underground capacity since even close friends are unable to reach him at the present time.

Following receipt of the second letter from WILLIAM SENNET, previously described, on September 11, 1953, discussion was had with the informant by telephone and it was agreed that the informant might be subject to criticism if he further exposed himself by making additional contacts with comrades prior to his September 15 meeting with the Party national underground leaders and it was therefore decided to curtail all contacts until such time.

On the same date, however, the informant received a letter from NY-694-S which advised him that WILLIAM WEINER, the informant's most influential contact, who according to the informant was necessary in arranging the meeting of September 15, was very ill in a New York Hospital. NY-694-S also told the informant that he had seen LEM HARRIS, legman for WEINER, who had advised NY-694-S that he had not delivered the note of August 24, 1953, from CG-5824-S for WEINER until three days previously. In the same note, the New York informant stated that he thought he was seeing BETTY GANNETT for sure on September 12, 1953.

New York teletype to the Director and Chicago of September 13, 1953, entitled "CG-5824-S" advised that NY-694-S had seen GANNETT as scheduled and that instructions had been issued for the national underground to see CG-5824-S by a deadline date. The teletype further stated that NY-694-S had received a favorable reception from GANNETT on the Canadian matters previously described in referenced Chicago letter of September 7, 1953.

Evaluation, Informant's Mental  
Attitude, and Future Plans

On September 13, 1953, contact was had with the informant with regard to the opportunities that appear to have resulted as a result of the informant's pending contact on September 15, 1953, with the representative of the national CP underground.

The informant was in an excellent frame of mind as was CS [redacted] who also participated in the conversation. The informant stated that he could

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not over-emphasizing the role that WILLIAM WEINER and BETTY GANNETT had played in ordering the underground contacts with him and he additionally stated that the assistance of WEINER particularly will be necessary in the future to place him in positions of trust where he can be of greater service to the Bureau. The informant pledged that he will go "all out" in an effort to make amends for his earlier disservice to his country. He was quite optimistic concerning the opportunities that appear to be at hand but at the same time was cautious in warning that the ultimate objective may take a long time. He said that he is certain he is presently assigned but before he can definitely discuss the potentiality that is at hand, the contact of September 15 must be met.

He pointed out that results have been had because the Bureau had gone along with him in carefully planning and patiently waiting for the CP to move rather than in a hurry-up fashion which might have caused the national leadership to question his motives. He said that this is the way the leadership of the CP operates where security is involved and that he hopes the Bureau will continue to adopt itself to the *sans modus operandi* in its counterintelligence work because if it does, the informant is certain that it will pay dividends.

The informant stated that with careful planning he is certain that he can enlarge his national underground contacts to the point where he will be able to furnish information of a highly confidential nature concerning the underground, its apparatus network, and its methods of operation on a day-to-day basis.

He stated that his greatest concern is that he will not have an opportunity to fully utilize and develop himself in his assignment because he has observed that the department has in the past and may in the future feel that it is necessary at a given time to arrest or openly investigate a key contact who is currently being used by the informant. In that connection, the informant advised that if the Bureau will be patient in allowing him to operate with these key contacts, it is possible that all the information and even more than the Bureau could develop through independent investigation can be obtained by the informant without jeopardizing the informant's security.

The informant stated that if he and NY-694-S are given wide latitude in penetrating the underground, he feels certain at this point, that barring exposure, he can be of real service to the Bureau.

He stated that he is well aware of the dangerousness of such a task but is prepared to undertake it despite its dangerousness. His only request

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is that the Bureau do its utmost in protecting his security through proper utilization of investigative leads and techniques in a way that will not expose the informant. He stated that if the Bureau will allow him to operate in this manner and not expose him, he feels that he can assist the Bureau in actually reaching the real leadership of the CP who have the power to keep the organization together and he, at the same time, will be able to point out those individuals with titles but who have no power or experience and are of only secondary importance. He feels that he can locate and point out these individuals to the Bureau provided that he is permitted to maintain necessary contacts which means that some of the important people will have to be allowed to operate with him for the present and that if this procedure is followed, the informant feels that he will be attending meetings involving the actual formulation of national Party policies and strategy.

The informant was advised that every consideration will continue to be given to his security and further that his objectives regarding the ferreting out of the real National Party leadership today are also the objectives of the Bureau. He was assured that no steps would be taken by the Bureau unless it was in the interest of reaching these objectives.

It was agreed that personal contacts during this period must be kept at an absolute minimum, that additional meeting places would be sought, and that additional covers would also be sought which would allow the informant mobility in the neighborhood where meeting places with the agents were obtained.

It was also agreed that it would be premature before the underground contact to discuss a specific plan of action but that following the contact, this matter will be the first order of business on the agenda.

#### Conclusions

After a year and one-half of personal contact with this informant, it is believed that as of this date the informant has the potential to develop into the top informant of the Bureau. He has the necessary Communist background, education, and experience to take any leadership position in the CP. The only apparent obstacle appears to be his health; however, the informant knows his capacity and it is believed possible that the health angle may in fact be helpful because the informant will not be completely underground and therefore, his contacts may not be as limited as an individual who is completely underground. The informant has proven himself to be trustworthy in every respect and no instance has been noted where he has ever wilfully withheld information.

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The informant has advised that the arrest of ROBERT THOMPSON removes a definite obstacle in his path because THOMPSON led the factional fight within the leadership of the CP in 1945 against BROWDER and in the same fight, the informant was a leader of the BROWDER faction in the CP, opposing the THOMPSON point of view.

Informant also advised on September 13, 1953, that the "political climate" within the Party itself and internationally in connection with the "united front" program is right for the informant's return to a leadership position. The informant pointed out that the current program of the American party and of Russia itself is in fact a "united front" program along the policies of BROWDER which the informant is known by the national leadership of the Party to favor.

As stated above, any projection of the informant's potential prior to his underground contact is speculative. However, there is every indication of great potential in this informant at the present time.

The Bureau and New York will be advised of all developments.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

URGENT

FBI, CHICAGO 9/16/53

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CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, NY,  
PHILADELPHIA AND MILWAUKEE, SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN LAST, CAPTIONED ABOVE.

CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S ADVISED SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN INSTANT THAT  
HE HAD CONTINUOUS SESSION WITH PHIL BART IN A HOTEL LOCATED IN IMMEDIATE  
AREA OF CHICAGO FROM SEVEN P.M., SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, TO THREE P.M.,

SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST. INFORMANT WAS TAKEN TO MEETING PLACE BY WILLIAM  
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
SENNETT, OPEN DISTRICT NO. EIGHT CP ORGANIZER, AND BY OTHER UNNAMED INDIVIDUALS.

INFORMANT, BECAUSE OF 13 HEALTH AND FOR SECURITY REASONS, WAS UNABLE DURING  
SHORT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF MATTERS DISCUSSED  
WITH HIM. HE DID STATE THAT 14 BART WOULD ONLY BE IN CHICAGO A DAY OR TWO.

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BART SPOKE FREELY TO INFORMANT AND BRIEFED HIM ON MANY MATTERS WHICH WERE  
NOT ELABORATED ON. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT HE INFORMANT IS AGAIN IN SP

17 18  
AND ATTACHED NATIONALLY EXCEPT FOR DUES. HE WAS GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR

A FEW OTHER PEOPLE NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED BY INFORMANT DURING CONVERSATION

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cc: 1 - 100-21222

1 - 100-3960

1 - 100-2644 (PHIL BART)

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~~Special Agent in Charge~~

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WITH HIM. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT INFORMANT'S WORK WOULD BE <sup>19</sup> <sup>20</sup>  
 QUOTE POLITICAL UNQUOTE IN NATURE. THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE APPROVED BY A <sup>21</sup>  
HIGHER GROUP AND TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR <sup>24</sup> BART TO AGAIN SEE  
INFORMANT WITHIN ABOUT FOUR WEEKS. INFORMANT STATED THAT CHICAGO IS NOT  
CENTER OF <sup>25</sup> <sup>26</sup> UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS BUT SERVES AS A CENTER FROM TIME TO TIME.  
 AT PRESENT IT WAS DESCRIBED AS A QUOTE <sup>27</sup> <sup>28</sup> <sup>29</sup> HARD TOWN UNQUOTE, MEANING THAT IT  
 IS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE SMITH ACT ARRESTS. INFORMANT  
 STATED THAT IT IS QUOTE <sup>30</sup> QUIET SERIOUS WHAT THEY, THE CP, ARE GETTING READY  
 FOR UNQUOTE, BUT SAID THAT DETAILS WERE TOO LENGTHY TO DISCUSS BY TELEPHONE.  
INFORMANT STATED THAT ANY EFFORT TO LOCATE BART IN CHICAGO AREA AT THIS TIME  
 OR ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH HIM WOULD DEFINITELY BREAK OFF  
INFORMANT'S UNDERGROUND CONNECTIONS, <sup>32</sup> <sup>33</sup> <sup>34</sup> EXPOSE INFORMANT, AND PREVENT FURTHER  
 PENETRATION OF UNDERGROUND. <sup>35</sup> <sup>36</sup> BART INDICATED RECONTACT WITH INFORMANT IN  
 ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AND THEREAFTER. INFORMANT ADVISES THAT CONTINUED CONTACT  
 BY HIM WITH <sup>37</sup> BART FOR POSSIBLY SEVERAL MONTHS MAY BE NECESSARY TO SOLIDIFY  
INFORMANT'S POSITION. INFORMANT ADDED THAT <sup>38</sup> BART IS NO LONGER REGISTERED  
 AT HOTEL WHERE MEETING OCCURRED AND ITINERARY UNKNOWN TO INFORMANT. IN  
 VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AND IN ORDER TO ALLOW INFORMANT TO FIRMLY ENTRENCH  
HIMSELF WITH BART AND POSSIBLY OTHER <sup>40</sup> <sup>41</sup> <sup>42</sup> <sup>43</sup> LEADERSHIP OF NATIONAL PARTY UNDERGROUND,  
 IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BUREAU CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF WITHDRAWAL OF INSTRUCTIONS

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 Special Agent in Charge

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TO ALL OFFICES TO APPREHEND BART ON SIGHT IN ORDER THAT NO SUSPICION OF A  
QUOTE LEAK UNQUOTE IN CHICAGO MAY BE POINTED IN INFORMANT'S DIRECTION IN  
EVENT OF APPREHENSION. IT IS POINTED OUT THAT THE MORE MEETINGS INFORMANT  
HAS WITH BART, THE MORE INFORMATION HE WILL BE ABLE TO FURNISH ON THE UNDER-  
GROUND APPARATUS. TENTATIVE PLANS CALL FOR PERSONAL CONTACT WITH INFORMANT  
ON SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN NEXT IF HEALTH AND SECURITY PERMIT. BUREAU AND  
INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. NY ADVISE NY DASH  
SIX NINE FOUR DASH S.

WEATHERFORD

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. SEPTEMBER 17, 1953

Transmit the following message to: SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. REURTELS SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN AND  SEL. SER.  
 STENO SUP.  TECHNICAL  
SEVENTEEN, LAST. MAXIMUM SECURITY PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE EXERCISED  
IN DEALING WITH INFORMANT, WHO HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY COMMUNIST PARTY  
ON NATIONAL LEVEL. CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD  
ARRANGE TO OBTAIN FROM INFORMANT ALL DATA WHICH HE RECEIVES AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE SO THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION MAY BE TAKEN. UPON RECEIPT  
OF INFORMATION FROM INFORMANT, DISPATCH AMSD TO BUREAU AND TAKE ANY  
OTHER NECESSARY ACTION. RESULTS OF INFORMANT'S MEETING SEPTEMBER  
FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN, LAST, SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE BUREAU AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIPT FROM INFORMANT OF COMPLETE DETAILS.

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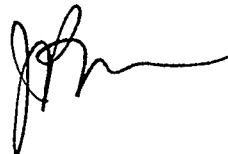
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SAC, NEW YORK ATTN: ASST. DIRECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY  
PHILADELPHIA  
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CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, NY,  
PHILADELPHIA AND MILWAUKEE, SEPT. SIXTEEN LAST, CAPTIONED ABOVE. PAGE ONE,  
LINE FIVE SHOULD READ QUOTE FROM SEVEN P.M., SEPT. FIFTEEN LAST, TO THREE  
P.M., SEPT. SIXTEEN LAST UNQUOTE. PAGE TWO, FOURTH LAST LINE, SHOULD READ  
QUOTE BART INDICATED RECONTACT WITH INFORMANT IN ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AND  
THEREAFTER UNQUOTE.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9/16/53

FROM : SA P. M. FergusonSUBJECT: 95524-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.G.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT:

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

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100-18016 (Doris Mitchell)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

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Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

205 [redacted] information [redacted]  
 of [redacted] G-15 - advised by 95524-S  
 that [redacted] not at home from contact.

At 7 PM on 9/15/53 this [redacted]  
 advised [redacted] he wanted to [redacted]  
 [redacted]. When advised that 95524-S  
 was not at home - he said

PERSONAL DATA:

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Off. Re Mitchell to be forwarded to 100-18016 &amp; [redacted]

1CC - [redacted] RATING \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9/17/53

FROM : SA *Paul N. Fegeman*SUBJECT: *SP 5824-S*

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.G.I. \_\_\_\_\_ (S.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT:

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

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[redacted]

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PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT: *by phone*

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

Informant advised that one of his immediate tasks  
is to get Mr. Phil Bart on 9/15/53 to get CP [redacted]  
back into the CP.

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PERSONAL DATA:

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA CARL N. FREYMAN

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

DATE: September 17, 1953

On September 5, 1953, CG 5824-S orally advised the writer that CS [redacted] had been to the Modern Book Store on the above date and had contact with WILLIAM SENNETT. SENNETT gave the source a note which he typewrote in the source's presence which contained the following information: b7D

"Sorry I have not been able to get you sooner - busy - if you have not already seen the person you expect, you will, no later than September 15. If there are any hitches let me know. This will clarify things for you so that things can be discussed more concretely."

The above information suitably paraphrased is being set forth by separate memorandum for the file of WILLIAM SENNETT so that it will be known that SENNETT has knowledge of the presence and time schedules of certain key Communist underground personnel in the Chicago area.

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cc: [redacted]

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SA CARL N. FREYMAN

WILLIAM SENNETT  
IS - C

On September 5, 1953, CG 5824-S transmitted the following information concerning the subject, which information the informant obtained from CS [redacted]

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The source advised that SENNETT was at the Modern Book Store on September 5, 1953.

CG 5824-S by virtue of information obtained for him from SENNETT by this source, advised that there are indications that SENNETT has recently had contact with the party underground and is aware that an unidentified key person of the underground whose name is known to SENNETT, will be in Chicago on or about September 15, 1953.

The above information must be carefully handled due to the fact that knowledge of the presence of this unidentified person in the Chicago area is possibly only known to SENNETT, the informant, and a few key Communist persons. It should also be noted that there are indications that this person will make efforts to contact the informant and in that connection it is possible that information concerning the identity of this individual will be obtained through the informant and without outside investigation. Should SENNETT ever be interviewed there must be no reference made to the above matter.

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September 17, 1953

SA CARL N. FREYMAN

HARRY I. MILLER  
IS - C

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On September 5, 1953, CG 5824-S transmitted the following information in behalf of CS [redacted] who had been in contact with the captioned subject on September 4, 1953:

The source learned that MILLER has not been in New York since August, during which time he saw WILLIAM WEINER. The reason for this contact was not learned by the source. MILLER told the source that the party in Chicago is worried about the arrests of the "vacationists who were found on the mountain top" (ROBERT THOMPSON, et al.).

MILLER told the source that he would like to see CG 5824-S but had orders and could not see him or anyone else except in emergencies.

MILLER told the source that his business was holding its own.

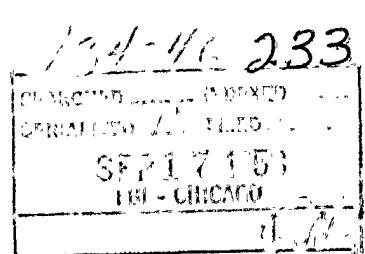
Inasmuch as there were no other persons present at the above meeting and in order to afford maximum protection to both the source and the informant, extreme caution must be used in handling and reporting the above information in order to afford maximum security to these people. Should MILLER at any time be interviewed, there must be no reference to the above matter.

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100-15137

b7D

cct: [redacted]

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SAC, New York (100-57863) (cc: 100-34665  
Lena Scherer)

September 17, 1953

Director, FBI (100-333734)  
(cc: 100-107137; 61-7665)

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ANNA BOLDT  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Re New York let dated August 18, 1953, entitled, "Lena Scherer, wa; Security Matter - C."

According to referenced letter, no investigation has been conducted concerning Boldt by INS and any inquiry regarding her will be held in abeyance pending receipt of instructions from your office. It is noted that Boldt is the sister of Lena Scherer and since we have indicated to the Immigration and Naturalization Service our interest in Lena Scherer, INS has taken this position with regard to Boldt.

Lena Scherer and her husband, Marcel Scherer, are in close touch with NY 694-S and any inquiry by INS of the Scherers could jeopardize the handling of NY 694-S. In addition to indicating our interest in the Scherers, we have taken similar action with regard to other individuals, both in New York and Chicago, who are in direct contact with NY 694-S and CG 5824-S.

Anna Boldt is not in direct contact with our informants and our interest in her is merely collateral. It is not known what interest INS may have in Boldt as she is a native-born citizen of the United States. Since we have no direct interest in Anna Boldt and since she is a native-born American, it is not apparent that INS can take any specific action against her and it is not felt that we should request INS to refrain from any inquiries they may contemplate in connection with her.

You should, therefore, contact INS and advise the appropriate representative that we interpose no objection to any inquiry contemplated by INS relative to Anna Boldt, but it should be determined at that time exactly what interest INS has in Anna Boldt and any action contemplated by INS concerning her. Furnish the Bureau the results of your contact with INS in this matter.

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*E. A.* DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: ASST. DIR. A. H. BELMONT

*M.* CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. BUFILE SIXTYONE DASH SEVEN  
SIX SIX FIVE. RE CG TEL., SEPT. SIXTEEN, LAST, SAME CAPTION,  
ADVISING OF TWENTY HOUR CONTACT BY INFORMANT WITH PHIL BART,  
CP NATIONAL MIDWEST DIRECTOR OF UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS. IN-  
FORMANT CONTACTED SEPT. EIGHTEEN, LAST, AND ADVISED THAT  
MEETING WAS HELD NIGHT OF SEPT. FIFTEEN DASH SIXTEEN, LAST,  
IN A LAROK CG NORTHSIDE HOTEL. ONE OF THE CONTACTS WHO TOOK  
THE INFORMANT TO THE RENDEZVOUS WAS IDENTIFIED AS SIGMUND  
FISCHER, MISSING SMITH ACT SUBJECT OF MILWAUKEE SINCE  
NINETEEN FIFTYONE, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH FOUR EIGHT ZERO  
SIX. CAR USED IN EFFECTING CONTACT WAS BELIEVED RENTED FROM  
HERTZ "DRIVE-IT-YOURSELF" SERVICE. INFORMANT WAS BRIEFED ON  
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF CP, ON THE NEW PARTY/PROGRAM KNOWN  
AS THE "FOUR TO FIVE YEAR PLAN" FOR ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE  
NEW LEADERSHIP CORPS FOR AN UNDERGROUND CP AND FOR FURTHER  
ENLARGEMENT OF THE UNDERGROUND "RESERVE LEADERSHIP". DETAILS  
ARE LENGTHY AND INVOLVED AND A COMPREHENSIVE LETTER IS IN  
DICTION AND SHOULD REACH BU. AND NY BY SEPT. TWENTYTWO, NEXT.  
CP IS PRESENTLY TAKING THESE DRASIC STEPS TO PRESERVE LEADERSHIP

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CNP:as  
62-7665

cc: New York (134-CG-5824-S) ATTENTION: INSP. E. J. CONNELLEY

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BECAUSE OF BELIEF THAT COURT RULING ON PARTY FROM MC CARTAN  
HEARING WILL BE THAT CP IS ILLEGAL ORGANIZATION. ENTIRE PLAN  
CENTERS AROUND INDUSTRIAL CONCENTRATION IN BASIC INDUSTRY AND  
IN "RIGHT" LED UNIONS. PLAN IS PRESENTLY IN EFFECT. BART IS  
"BELIEVED TO BE IN ALMOST CONSTANT TRAVEL STATUS SETTING UP  
NEW PARTY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. INSOFA" AS STATUS OF  
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OFFICE FROM CHICAGO ON FORMULATING POLICY AND FOLLOWING THROUGH ON "POLITICAL MATTERS". HE STATED THAT IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE PROPOSALS ARE BASED ON AGREEMENT THAT THERE WILL BE AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS THROUGH CONTACTS AND EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDA BETWEEN THE INFORMANT AND LEADERS IN THE ACTIVE COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY. IT WAS AGREED THAT BECAUSE OF HEALTH, INFORMANT SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN THE "CENTRAL RESERVE LEADERSHIP", NOW UNDERGROUND, AND FURTHER THAT HE WOULD NOT BE "EXPOSED" IN HIS TASKS. INFORMANT AGREED TO THE PROPOSITION ON THE CONDITION THAT IF HE WORKED HE MUST HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH THE NATIONAL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES AND HE WOULD REFUSE ASSIGNMENT IF HE WAS NOT KEPT INFORMED OF WHAT IS CURRENTLY "HAPPENING IN THE PARTY SO THAT HE COULD HAVE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE FORMATION OF POLICY. BART AGREED WITH THE PLAN WHICH HE SAID HE WILL PRESENT TO THE "COMMITTEE" FOR APPROVAL. HE SAID THAT HE HOPES TO HAVE THE PLAN CONCRETIZED IN ABOUT A MONTH AND AT THAT TIME MAY BE IN A POSITION TO SPEAK MORE SPECIFICALLY. IT WAS FINALLY AGREED THAT THIS "SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A BEGINNING" IN THE INFORMANT'S WORK. THE INFORMANT CONSIDERS THE CONTACT SUCCESSFUL SINCE HE HAS NOW REACHED A STARTING POINT AND HAS

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BEEN ASSURED HE WILL NOT BE ISOLATED FROM THE DAY TO DAY HAPPENINGS ON POLICY IN THE PARTY. BART INDICATED THAT HE OR SOMEONE ELSE WOULD SEE THE INFORMANT IN ABOUT A MONTH AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO PROVIDE INFORMANT WITH ALL NECESSARY READING MATERIAL INCLUDING DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE RECENTLY HELD <sup>CP</sup> CONFERENCE SO THAT THE INFORMANT CAN FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH CURRENT POLICY MATTERS. A MSD LETTER SHOULD REACH BU. AND NY BY SEPT. TWENTYTWO, NEXT, ELABORATING ON THE ABOVE DISCUSSION.

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September 21, 1953

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ATTN: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELVONT

Reference Chicago teletype to Director, New York, and Philadelphia 9/16 last, same caption, advising the Bureau that CG 5824-S had a 20 hour discussion, with no other persons present, with PHIL BART, Midwest Regional Director of the Communist Party Underground, on the night of September 15 and 16, 1953, at Chicago.

This letter is submitted under the above caption for security reasons; firstly, because the informant made the contact with BART with no other persons present, secondly because the information concerning the organization structure of the CP which the informant obtained is believed to be known to only a few persons in the national leadership of the CP, and thirdly because much of the matter contained herein pertains to the CP security techniques, methods of the Bureau known to the CP, and the Party's evaluation of the Department of Justice methods of combatting Communism. Information concerning the Party's knowledge of the Bureau, its agents, its interviewing techniques, etc. is submitted because it is felt that an analysis might be helpful to the Bureau for future training purposes. It is also believed that some of the information contained herein might assist the Bureau and the Department in formulating future policies in reference to combatting the CP, USA.

The informant was contacted on September 18, 1953, and orally submitted the following information to SA CARL N. FREYMAN concerning the 20 hour discussion he had with BART. Insofar as possible the information obtained will be reported chronologically in order that the Bureau can get the full picture of how the contact was made with security with a top underground leader of the Communist Party.

SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO EFECT CONTACT

Informant, on September 15, 1953, proceeded, as instructed by WILLIAM SENNETT, District #3 Open Organizer of the CP, to the appointed meeting place with SENNETT at the Fullerton Avenue "L"

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stop at 7:00 P.M. He arrived promptly at the agreed-to hour after having spent two hours in divesting techniques in the event the Communist Party was conducting a security surveillance on the informant.

Upon arrival, the informant observed SENNETT waiting in his car, which was parked pointing in a southerly direction on the first side street west of the Fullerton Avenue "L". Fullerton Avenue is an east-west street located on the Chicago north side at 2400 North. SENNETT was observed to be alone in the car. As the informant was recognized by SENNETT, the latter walked toward the informant and suggested to him that they board a west-bound Fullerton Avenue bus. They boarded the bus together and shortly thereafter the informant noted that SENNETT's car was being driven in a manner in which it appeared that a security check was being maintained by the Party on the contact between the informant and SENNETT. The informant was unable to identify the occupant of SENNETT's car. At Campbell Avenue (2500 West) and Fullerton both SENNETT and the informant got off the bus and back-tracked to Western Avenue (2400 West) where SENNETT suggested that they enter a restaurant for coffee. They remained at the restaurant for one-half hour observing the passers-by and people entering the restaurant, and SENNETT made several notes on license numbers for cars parked in the adjoining areas.

SENNETT told the informant that he could not take the informant to the next point of contact because he, SENNETT, had a most important meeting that night and could not postpone it. SENNETT, in jotting down some of the license numbers on cars in the immediate vicinity, told the informant that the Party had compiled a list of FBI cars. He said that the Bureau uses standard models, mostly Fords of late model, that most of the cars have spotlights and aerials, and that the Agents generally ride in pairs and generally in the front seat. He told the informant that people who are interviewed by Bureau agents are told to jot down license numbers and to get names and descriptions of the interviewing Agents. He, and later PHIL BART, also mentioned that the CP has dozens of names of Agents, with physical descriptions, as well as car license numbers of Bureau cars. This list, according to SENNETT, is sent out by the national office to key people in the districts.

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SENNETT, returning to the manner in which the next step in the trip could be made, told the informant that since the next fellow who was to take the informant had not been approved (apparently by the contact), he, SENNETT, could not use this individual. He then asked the informant if he, the informant, was familiar with the area, and when the informant replied in the affirmative, SENNETT told the informant that he would skip the unapproved person and would send the informant to the next contact location, which he then told the informant was at the Logan Square "L" station, terminal restaurant, located on Kedzie Avenue (3200 West) near Milwaukee, an angular street running northwest at that point. SENNETT told the informant to proceed to that point; that he, SENNETT, did not know the identity of the contact but that the contact would know the informant. SENNETT commented that none of the people used in contact work have been in the Party less than ten to twelve years.

SENNETT and the informant again boarded a west-bound Fullerton Avenue bus, and at this time the informant noted a man board the bus with them who the informant knew as a CP member but could not recall his name. The informant and SENNETT left the bus at Kimball Avenue, a north-south street at 3400 West, and back-tracked to Kedzie. The informant stated that the security man did not get off the bus with them. SENNETT left the informant at this point, instructing him to go to the next contact point, and the informant then proceeded on foot and alone to the vicinity of the Logan Square "L" terminal and restaurant. He arrived in the area about five minutes before the agreed-to time. At the precise time, 7:50 P.M., the informant was about to enter the terminal restaurant when he observed a person he had known in Milwaukee approaching in the informant's direction. They exchanged signs of recognition and the man told the informant to go with him to his car which was parked nearby. They walked together to a narrow, quiet side street west of Kedzie Avenue and believed to be Altgeld Street, and entered the individual's car which was vacant. The informant could not recall the first name of the contact at the time of interview, but recalled that he knew this individual as a former Organization Secretary of the Young Communist League at Milwaukee and as formerly being a brother-in-law of ELMER LUCHTERHAND, a former CP leader in Chicago and Milwaukee. A review of individuals in this area who are known to be Smith Act subjects was made, and from the

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information furnished by the informant, it was determined that this individual was SIGMUND EISENSCHER, a missing Smith Act subject from Milwaukee since August, 1951 (Bufile 100-4806). (Informant confirmed identification 9/19/53 on hearing name.) Concerning this individual, the informant advised that he had not altered his appearance with the exception that he had grown a rather heavy red mustache. In that connection EISENSCHER indicated surprise that the informant had recognized him, due to the fact that he felt he had concealed his identity through the growing of a mustache. A review of EISENSCHER's file in this office reflects that at one time he was a brother-in-law of ELMER LUCHTERHAND.

EISENSCHER and the informant immediately drove away from the area, taking a circuitous zigzag trip through the Chicago north side, through side streets and alleys where there was no traffic, for possibly ten minutes. At this point both individuals concluded that they were not being followed, and the contact told the informant that they must meet PHIL BART in five minutes. They drove to a side street in the vicinity of Spaulding and Milwaukee Avenue and parked the car with the motor running and in such a manner that would enable a quick getaway if necessary. EISENSCHER told the informant that BART would be on the corner of Milwaukee and Diversey (2800 North) and at the appointed minute the contact would be made. He left the car and within a matter of seconds he had returned with BART, and the three men drove off. In the meantime, the informant had checked the car being driven by EISENSCHER and had noted that it was either a 1951 or 1952 4-door Chevrolet, either black or dark green in color, with Illinois 1953 license 929 309. (This license number is issued to the Hertz Driv-Ur-Self Service in Chicago and it appears that the car was rented solely for the purpose of making this contact.)

The three individuals then began driving all over the Chicago northwest side at a moderately fast rate of speed, and proceeded to Irving Park Road (4000 North), then turned north on Ashland Avenue (a north-south street at 1600 West), all the time turning in and out of adjoining side streets where there was little or no traffic. The car proceeded as far north as Devon Avenue (6400 North) and after considerable maneuvering the car turned east to Ravenswood (a north-south street at 1750 West) which is

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a street that parallels the Northwestern Railroad tracks, and at this point is little more than a poor gravel road with no traffic on it whatsoever. They then proceeded southwardly on Ravenswood to Irving Park, during which time all individuals agreed that they were not being followed.

They still circled and back-tracked in the immediate area, and at this time BART told the informant that he had a reservation for both of them at a hotel, that he would register for both of them and that the informant would be known as CHARLES RATHER of Milwaukee and that his name would be ARTHUR ADHEIMAN. BART commented that he always used "Jewish" names.

BART then instructed the driver to take them to the Sovereign Hotel, a large fashionable hotel located in the vicinity of the Chicago lake front at 6200 North Kenmore. BART told the contact on arriving in the vicinity of the hotel to "beat it - I'll see you"; however, the informant advised that it was obvious that the contact was supposed to stay somewhere in the vicinity to operate as a security check. The informant and BART then registered at the hotel and occupied a double room, #1024. The informant stated that they arrived at the hotel sometime between 8:35 and 9:00 P.M.

In connection with the security measures to effect this contact, the informant advised that in his opinion it would have been almost an impossibility for the contact to have been observed without the knowledge of BART regardless of the number of men and cars participating.

PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING BART,  
HIS HABITS, DRESS, METHODS OF TRAVEL, ETC.

Informant advised that BART has not altered his physical appearance in any way. He is slightly more gray around the temples than he was in 1950 and is slightly more bald. He had no mustache and said that he has maintained his normal weight. BART was dressed in the manner of a successful businessman, wearing a light brown single-breasted suit with narrow brown and gray pin stripes. He wore a hat of similar color. His suit and shoes contained the trade label of the Bond Stores. He carried a brown overnight suitcase containing one pair of socks, pajamas,

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one shirt, and toilet articles. During the entire period of contact BART spoke without using or referring to any notes or papers and told the informant that he had no identification papers on him at all. He told the informant that he wears nylon shirts so that he can wash them out himself. He said he does not have a car and does not use planes for travel. He travels from city to city using trains and always gets compartment accommodations. In the cities he uses public transportation and depends on cars to be provided for him.

The informant observed also that BART was wearing a light colored shirt and bow tie. He still smokes cigars which are of a better than average quality and are priced at two for 56¢. He destroys the cigar bands from his cigars and also the match folders which he uses. He destroys them by placing them in the toilets. He explained that he has adopted this for security reasons and said that he never uses matches of a hotel where he registers. BART, according to the informant, appeared to have a sizable amount of money on his person.

BART told the informant that his dress depends on the nature of his contact, the neighborhood, etc.

The informant observed that BART still walks with his shoulders forward since he is noticeably round shouldered, and it was also noted that he still has a cough. He no longer stutters.

The informant observed that BART operates in a confident and determined manner and is not nervous in any respect and does not appear to be outwardly fearful of anything that might be in store for him. In that connection the informant advised that about 3:30 A.M. on September 16 it was decided that both men should rest for an hour. BART immediately retired in the informant's presence and went to sleep. This was pointed out by the informant first of all as indicative of the trust BART has in the informant, and secondly to show that BART is not fearful of arrest.

DISCUSSION HELD FROM APPROXIMATELY  
9:00 P.M. 9/15/53 TO 3:00 P.M. 9/16/53

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The informant advised that BART on arriving in the hotel room, and without further delay, told the informant that the first thing he wanted to say was that regardless of what happens during the discussion, he, BART, wanted to make it clear to the informant that at no time was there ever any doubt whatsoever concerning the informant's loyalty to the Party. He said he was going to raise some things for clarification, but that "our leadership has never ceased to regard you as one of the old and leading cadre in our Communist Party."

Following this, the informant asked BART about his wife CONNIE, and BART replied that he hardly knew her any more by that name. He said that she was all right and working, and the informant, for security reasons, thereafter left most of the talking to BART.

Informant advised that for the next several hours they discussed general "political" matters such as an analysis of the world situation, the political situation in the United States, the trade union movement, local political situations, etc., the substance of which will be obtained in future interviews if pertinent.

BART then told the informant about circumstances surrounding the receipt by him of his order to go underground. He told the informant that he was ordered to go underground on short notice. He was immediately taken to an apartment and hid out without ever seeing anyone or leaving the apartment for four months, waiting for a contact. He told the informant that he took little baggage with him and only had a minimum amount of clothing and did his own washing. BART furnished no further details.

BART next told the informant how contacts with the underground leadership are made. He said that when someone in his position is to be contacted, the general rule is that it takes three to four days of preliminary movement from place to place before the leader is seen. This is done for security reasons. Movements insofar as possible are made at night. The contact is taken to as many as three different places before he reaches the leader.

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In the meantime, the leader is also doing preliminary security work before he arrives at the contact spot. About the fourth day the meeting occurs.

BART told the informant that an exception was made in the informant's case and the preliminary work was shortened because of the informant's health. BART said that when the meeting occurs it is rarely, if ever, with more than one person. In Party language, this type of meeting is known as "an individual plenum." Generally the leader spends two to three days with the contact because it is felt to be safer, and in this way problems can be taken up in detail and the leader has a better opportunity to evaluate his contact. When the meeting breaks up, the leading person leaves first and the contact remains at the contact spot for a time so that there can be no "tipoff."

BART then told the informant that he was ready to see him as early as eight months ago, but that the St. Louis arrests took place so he saw no one for security reasons. He commented that he was in St. Louis a day or two before the arrests.

#### CP USA - ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

##### General

BART next asked the informant how much he, the informant, knew about the present Party situation, its structure, its perspective, etc. On being advised by the informant that he had been "isolated" for years and knows nothing, BART told him that he would bring the informant up to date on the Party structure.

In connection with the matter set out hereafter, the informant advised that it is of highest importance and is only known to the top leadership of the Party. He added that it contains much information of use to the Bureau in connection with counter measures, and further that it emphasizes the extent to which the Communist Party is prepared to go in order to preserve its leadership at the present time.

##### Structure

According to BART, the leadership structure of the Communist Party today consists of individuals in three categories, one category

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of which may be abolished completely very soon, depending on what happens in the court as a result of the Communist Party McCarran Act hearings.

He said that the Party is reluctant to go completely underground and will not hurry to do so unless it is forced. He said that the leadership in discussing these problems today is fighting against two tendencies. The first is represented by a group of leaders who have sectarian and romantic ideas and demand that the CP abolish all open forms of organization and go underground completely. The second group, and the prevailing group at the present time, is represented chiefly by the people in jail and under arrest, and they take the position that arrests or no arrests the Party must go on and work as much and as long as possible in the open forms of work and that the Communist Party must take chances in order to build up the Party.

At a recent meeting of the Party leadership (perhaps the recent national conference, but not so indicated by BART) both views were rejected and it was decided as follows:

1. To build up a stronger and more comprehensive apparatus called a "reserve,"
2. To continue to utilize every possibility for open Party work.

BART then told the informant that there are presently three categories of Party leadership which he described as follows:

1. The "reserve" leadership which is completely underground. This leadership was described by BART as consisting of the most important people.
2. The "operative" leadership which in the main is made up of "unavailables", but it is this leadership which does the most to maintain some contact with the "open" functionary leadership. (This, according to informant, would include such people as BART and other people operating in similar capacities.) The "operative" leadership must have some contact with the open Party and with the national open Party leadership, as well as all the leadership now on trial. (BART in that

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connection indicated that he sees WILLIAM SENNETT,  
District #8 Open Organizer, very infrequently.)

BART then told the informant that the Communist Party is going to reduce this "operative" leadership to a minimum.

In explaining this move, BART said that the Party at first felt that a cease fire in Korea might cause an easing up of the arrests; however, the Philadelphia arrests show that this is not the intention of the Justice Department. Therefore the Communist Party has decided that if arrests are to be continued the Party must take a long term view, and this means that the "reserve" leadership must be added to, and the Party intends to add hundreds to this list and is doing so at the present time. According to BART, these people are coming in the main from the "operative" group, and the people put in "reserve" leadership positions will have the most limited contact with the "operative" leadership. BART stated in fact that the majority of "reserve" leadership now has little or no contact whatsoever and is just buried. He, however, said that the real final power in the Party today is in this "reserve" leadership.

BART told the informant that the "operative" leadership is nine-tenths underground now and is made up of "unavailables." This group has contact with the national open leadership such as BETTY GANNETT, PETTIE PERRY, and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. No decision, however, on policy or tactics is made without the O.K. of the "reserve" leadership.

BART stated that the present thinking of the leadership is that the CP will be declared an illegal organization. If that is the case, the Party has no alternative but to be ready to sacrifice thousands of known Communist Party rank and filers by permitting arrest, because they cannot all go underground for personal and security reasons.

Referring to the Party membership and future plans, BART said that the plans are as follows:

- a. That the CP will sacrifice the rank and file people (allow arrests) and a part of the leadership because it cannot do anything else without jeopardizing the security of the leadership that must be kept at all costs.

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In that connection, according to BART, a recent Party discussion was held and a decision was made that no one will be sent into the Party underground hereafter who has a family or family ties, because families and family ties have caused leadership arrests.

b. The Party has decided on, and has now in effect, a "4 to 5 year plan" to create an entirely new underground party made up of people who, as far as the CP knows, are not publicly known as CP members and will not be so known for years to come. BART said in this connection that the Communist Party has studied the lessons of the Russian underground during the period of the Czar, of the French resistance forces, and of the German Communist Party during HITLER, and is formulating its plans along the lines learned through these experiences. BART said that this plan, which is already in effect, will cost the Communist Party hundreds of thousands of dollars because the plan calls for removal of individuals from a given area and their relocation in new areas. The people chosen must be trustworthy and young in the Party movement, but not necessarily young in age, who are not known openly as Communist Party members. They will include workers in the main, but will also include professional people who will transfer to new areas as workers. The Party will put them in industrial concentration areas, such as auto, steel, heavy machinery, and also in the South. It is intended that they will settle in these areas and become employed in industry as soon as possible. However, they are instructed to first build up a work record, and that this record can be built up through employment in other than basic industry prior to their employment in a basic industry plant. They are told to have no contact with the CP in the new areas and that their membership will not be transferred to the new area, but that it will be a complete underground transfer. These individuals will have no contact with the Comrades in the new area and will not expose themselves as Communists in the unions. In time, and after entrenchment in the new locality and unions, they will assume "mildly radical" views. BART told the

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informant that the status of these individuals will be kept so confidential by the Party that should rank and file Communists request transfers to the towns where these people are located, the Party will refuse transfers in order to provide security for these hidden people.

BANT then told the informant that this plan is realized as being very costly for the Party because experience has already shown that some of the people who have been so removed have been uncovered by the Bureau. He stated that as soon as the individual is being investigated by the Bureau, the person has been instructed to get out of his job. BANT said that in this way the Party will at the same time establish in basic industry a reserve leadership that will function at all times with maximum security since these individuals will remain anonymous and will have no contact with the local Communist Party.

BANT then cited as an example of what the Communist Party is facing in this program the case of an individual who was sent into the State of Indiana as the district leader of this group. The Party bought a home for him, a car, and helped him to orient himself in the area. He stated that the other day it came to the Party's attention that the Bureau was investigating him. BANT told the informant that in this particular case not even the leader presently knows that he is under investigation but that the Party has already decided that he will be immediately pulled out of Indiana and replaced by a new leader.

BANT said that the Communist Party is thinking ahead four to five years concerning the preservation of the Party and that money is no object in this plan because it guarantees the security of the work of the Communist Party.

The informant stated that the "4-5 year plan" is the most important work of the Party because when it is fully in effect those people involved will constitute

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the new "reserve" leadership of the Communist Party from "top to bottom."

The informant added that BART said this type of leadership security, as far as the Communist Party is concerned, is unbeatable. BART explained this remark by stating that if the CP loses an individual through exposure, the organization breakup is such and so compartmentalized that the leadership incurs a minimum of loss.

He told the informant that the "4-5 year plan" is the Party's concentration program to build up "reserve" leadership in the underground CP and that this program is connected with the general present Party program of industrial and right union concentration. He stated that it is the Party's way of getting back into the "reactionary" unions in basic industries such as Local 600 of UAW at Detroit. There, according to BART, the program has proven very successful to date.

BART said that when this setup is working well and the Communist Party is required to go under, it will then completely abolish the "operative" leadership previously mentioned.

He explained that in the Communist Party today the security of leadership is involved because it is necessary to maintain "operative" leadership, and that this is a weak point in the present-day Party organization setup. It is for that reason that the Party is reducing "operative" leadership as fast as possible today.

BART told the informant in speaking of the new plan above described, that the average Party leader will be kept unaware of the existence of the "reserve" leadership put away under the "4-5 year plan."

He said that in his case the working on the new plan and making contact with individuals is where his energy is now being spent. He described it as a complete

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transfer to underground work. He added that the "reserve" leadership plan is so worked out that it is always the primary consideration.

3. The third category of leadership in the present Communist Party, according to BART, is the so-called "open" leadership. The CP has taken the position that it is willing to sacrifice through arrests these reliable but less mature leaders of this caliber. He said that the Party decision is to let them drift and to keep them from getting close to the underground leadership.

The reason why the Party has taken the position of sacrificing these individuals is because it has now reached the point where the Communist Party is not interested in an organization as such, but rather in an organization of individuals who are tied to the central underground leadership even though the tie is at present remote, or through ideological means only.

Concerning the success to date of the "4-5 year plan", BART gave the informant the following report: auto - doing fine; steel - improving; coal mining - worse than ever.

Concerning the Party concentration in steel, BART informed CG 5824-S that the Party is concentrating on a new town near Trenton, New Jersey, where a new steel plant is being built to handle steel arriving from South America. They have sent individuals into this area and the reason for the concentration is that the plant is choosing new personnel and employment has been found easy to get.

Concerning concentration in the South, BART told the informant that the Party has recently levied a special assessment for Party work in the South. He further told the informant that dues have been increased 25%.

The informant, in summarizing, pointed out that BART has always been known in the Communist Party for his organizational ability, and in this connection the above matter was the first thing discussed with the informant, which indicates that he, BART,

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had a leading role in the formulation of the plan. The informant also considers it to be of first importance because it eventually calls for the establishment of the entire present "operative" leadership of the CP and for the establishment of a new underground Communist Party. He pointed out that this will involve new investigative problems for the Bureau because leadership will be even further underground and compartmentalized and the activity and the contacts of leaders will be difficult to follow.

He made the following summarizing points based on conclusion from statements of BART:

1. That the Communist Party is not going into an illegal status unless it is forced to do so.
2. While the Communist Party will fight for legality, it is not sitting idle to wait for events to happen. Instead of this, it is building up its "reserve" structure with the idea that this phase of its plan will probably take four to five years. At the same time, and in connection with its present concentration plan, the Party is concentrating on right-led unions and on basic industry.
3. The Communist Party has decided to sacrifice thousands of members (by not securing them from arrest as CP members) because it cannot take them underground for security reasons.
4. The Communist Party is searching for ways and means of creating a "new Marxist organization" that may gather around it some of the discarded Party people without having it at an early date earmarked as a CP organization. At the same time the Party has decided not to mechanically turn Party people into the Progressive Party and similar political organizations, such as the American Labor Party, because the usefulness of these organizations would then be destroyed.

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5. The Party is searching for new forms of organization to try and save a good number of Party sympathizers now in the International Workers Order. These members now find themselves without any organization to go to. The Party wants to keep these people together and is considering the establishment of cultural societies, benefit societies, etc., and/or some form of organization that will be difficult to prove as a Communist organization.

PARTY STATUS AND FUTURE OF BART

The informant advised that from discussion with BART he has concluded that BART is the "top" underground leader of the Communist Party in the Middle West. The basis for this opinion is that BART indicated that he is in an almost constant travel status. He described the problems of the CP in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Missouri. He did not mention Michigan or Ohio, and it is the conclusion of the informant that his jurisdiction does not extend to those states.

BART told the informant that he does not know how much longer he will act in his present leadership capacity because he has orders to surrender to authorities if his appeal on the contempt citation is denied. He said that it only involves a sentence of three months but the Party has taken the position that it cannot allow him to jump bail. This position was taken despite the knowledge of BART and the Party that BART is included among the Smith Act subjects in Philadelphia. He told the informant that if the appeal is denied he will surrender to the authorities.

STATUS OF "DAILY WORKER"  
(ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATION PROBLEM)

BART told the informant that within the Communist Party there is a group that wants to give up the "Daily Worker" because they know the government will next proceed against it on the theory that it is the propaganda arm of a conspiracy seeking to teach and advocate overthrow of the government by force. This group feels that the Communist Party should transform the "National Guardian" into a Communist paper. This thinking has been rejected, according to BART, and the decision as it stands now is to keep

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the "Daily Worker" at all costs. The decision was reached recently after the Communist Party had seen JOE CLARK, former "Daily Worker" correspondent at Moscow following his return to the United States, and CLARK had said that the Russians think highly of the "Daily Worker" because without the "Daily Worker" they could not keep abreast of the Communist news in the United States. This, according to the informant, is enough for the CP leadership in the United States to cause them to decide not to liquidate the "Daily Worker". BART told the informant that the "Daily Worker" is being run by ALAN MAX with a "committee from the Center."

BART told the informant that in order to preserve the "Daily Worker", the national office has recently adopted some tasks to increase circulation in the "Daily Worker", particularly in New York. In that connection it was decided that the distribution and delivery of bundles is a most important task and quotas are now assigned that must be filled by the local section and branch leadership.

BART told the informant that it is known that the Department of Justice will soon proceed against the "Daily Worker" and that the "Daily Worker" is prepared to defend against the charges.

Considerable discussion was then held on the "Daily Worker" personnel, and BART told the informant that any member of the staff who has not in the past regularly participated in "political discussion" is now suspect. He mentioned that HARRY RAYMOND is considered a drunkard by the Party and is being watched, but that the Party still uses him, however in connection with no confidential tasks.

Concerning JOE STAROBIN, BART told the informant that he is presently writing a book on "China and Indo-China" and whether or not he will return to the "Daily Worker" has not been decided upon.

BART commented that if action against the "Daily Worker" is successful, a new paper will be brought out.

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SMITH ACT ARRESTS - AFFECT ON CP LEADERSHIP

BART told the informant that the Communist Party expects further Smith Act arrests and that the following cities are considered "hot" at present and precautionary measures have been taken to preserve the real Party leadership there:

1. Chicago (It is considered to be the hottest)
2. Brooklyn
3. Boston
4. Cleveland.

Concerning the apprehension of ROBERT THOMPSON, et al., BART said it was the biggest blow yet suffered by the Party, particularly on the West Coast, in the "operative" leadership. He added also that a good part of the "reserve" leadership was also wiped out. He described COLEMAN, the individual arrested with THOMPSON, as a "pretty well-trained guy." He said that the Party is conducting an extensive search for security leaks.

He next turned to the Pacific Northwest, stating that in connection with the arrests there a portion of the real "operative" leadership was taken but a few got away. Concerning the status of PAUL MILLER BOWEN, Seattle Smith Act subject, BART commented that it is evident that the FBI does not know of the current key people in leadership. He related that BOWEN was doing nothing at Chicago at the time of arrest and that no tasks were contemplated for him by the leadership because the leadership in Seattle believed he wanted to come to Chicago to "get away from the CP."

A similar situation was also pointed out by BART in connection with the St. Louis arrests. There, according to BART, ROBERT MANEWITZ was arrested after he had deserted his post and gone to California. BART commented, "What the hell they picked him up for we don't know." He described MANEWITZ as a "wrong guy" but commented that since both he and BOWEN were arrested, the Party would defend them.

BART stated that the St. Louis arrests, however, constituted a "clean sweep of leadership." An analysis of the arrests made

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by the Party has caused the Party to conclude that they were helped by the following circumstances:

1. JAMES FOREST and his wife got together from time to time.
2. MURPHY was supposed to be completely underground and to be saved for "reserve" leadership. He violated orders by going to a farm of an in-law to help them do some building.

BART said that investigation of the Philadelphia arrests showed some glaring weaknesses in security and has resulted in drastic organization changes. He described these arrests as being a real blow. He added that for a few days following the first arrests in Philadelphia the Party was happy because JOE ROBERTS and KLONSKY were not arrested. He stated that up to that time the only person of significance who was arrested of the "unavailables" was KUZMA, and stated that the others were more or less functioning openly. He stated, however, that when ROBERTS was arrested away from Philadelphia it indicated a "leak." BART found out that the FBI is still looking for him and STRONG for prosecution in connection with the Philadelphia arrests.

As a result of the Philadelphia arrests, the Party has concluded that the Bureau is now operating on a so-called "package basis"; that is, arresting leaders in a given area sometimes on a basis solely of past activities and position rather than on a basis of present importance of the individual in Party leadership. As a result of the Philadelphia arrests the Party has issued orders that:

1. Family ties are a chief source of security violations, therefore hereafter people with families will not be sent underground. ROBERTS made a serious mistake in vacationing with his family at Atlantic City and by so doing involved another important Comrade.
2. The Party thinks that "leaks" led to KLONSKY's arrest and is checking its security to determine the source of leaks.

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BART said that the Party is waiting for an opportunity to talk to ROBERTS concerning the "leaks", and further that at present the Party suspects certain people and this group includes [redacted] [redacted] who at present was described by BART as a passive CP person.

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As a result of the Philadelphia arrests in which the Bureau's so-called "package" strategy became apparent, BART stated that the Party from now on must find ways and means of protecting people in secondary leadership who in their opinion might be subjects of future Bureau arrests on the so-called "package" idea even though these people have no real power in the Party.

Concerning the arrests of Smith et subjects at Detroit, BART told the informant that the leadership there was "mauled" and the Party paid the biggest price of all there. He stated that the Party, in analyzing the reasons for these mass arrests of important people, has concluded that the Party nationally was responsible to some extent because of certain criticism that had been made on the Detroit leadership concerning their lack of activity and concentration in auto. Orders that came from this criticism forced the leadership to operate more or less openly and make contacts with people they had no business to contact. BART commented that this forced activity of the Party leadership centered around the situation in Local 600 of UAW-CIO.

As a result of all the above, according to BART, the Party is now convinced that leadership cannot operate as underground leadership and still keep contacts. He then asked the question, "Why abolish 'operative' leadership?" Answering this question, BART stated that when arrests take place it happens every time that the leadership which goes to trial becomes less cautious in contacts and becomes doubtful of the feasibility of taking orders from the underground leadership who, in their opinion, appear to operate unhampered. BART stated that this situation becomes particularly acute when you have a strong underground leadership and also a strong leadership on trial. In this case the open leadership on trial wants to use its own initiative and this in turn again endangers the underground "reserve" leadership. This situation has caused the Party to conclude that the "operative" underground must be abolished because one group endangers the other at time of arrest.

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Communist Party National Conference, Recently Held

BART told the informant that he attended this conference. He stated that it was devoted chiefly to "political matters," involving the drawing up of a programmatic program dealing with economic trends, passes, trade union problems, etc., which, according to BART, forms the basis for the party's following through on organizational problems to put the "political line" in effect. The meeting was described by BART as a small meeting with only a few people present - only enough so that it could be said a meeting was held and that the program announced was ratified. BART said that the conference was held and concluded in a minimum of time for security reasons, and that this was possible because prior thereto there had been an interchange of memoranda and ideas and the documents arrived at the conference already prepared. All that was necessary, therefore, was having a few people to approve them and there were no lengthy discussions.

Informant was told that the documents will be published and that the informant will be provided with material on the full happenings of the conference.

Informant then asked BART if there was not a security risk involved through the exchange of memoranda among the leaders as described by BART. BART replied that dates and names are omitted from such documents, but that memoranda are permitted to circulate in order that meetings can be held in a minimum of time for security reasons.

Communist Party Reaction Toward Bureau Interview of Communist Leaders and Members

BART told the informant that the F.B.I. has within the past year or two engaged in extensive contacts and attempted interviews with Communist Party leaders and members, and that this program has had some effect on weak comrades in the Party, but not on leadership.

He explained his remark by stating that the Party has little regard for the political knowledge of Bureau Agents as it relates to the Agents' knowledge of Marxism. He said that the psychological techniques used by the F.B.I. in connection with their contacts with leading comrades and the psychological techniques they use in connection with discussions indicate unfamiliarity with an understanding of Marxism and the thinking of a Communist and, therefore, the Agents have little or no effect on the leadership.

BART, however, remarked that a compilation of reports of such approaches and interviews has been made by the Party, and the Party recently has

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decided that some F.B.I. Agents appear to be receiving some training along the lines that the European "political police" are trained. He said that the Party is afraid that the F.B.I. is going to turn into a "political police" organization, and once this happens, the Party is ready to believe that it cannot prevent infiltration of its leadership. BART stated that it has been noted that in the F.B.I. interviews the weakness is that the Bureau Agents are not presenting the political arguments where the Party might be vulnerable in such a way as to cause people to think, so in general the Party is not afraid of the Bureau interview program.

Conclusions Regarding Methods of Operation of BART

The informant advised that he received a definite impression from BART that he has someone working closely with him, and the informant believes that it is JACK KLING, but stated that this does not mean that KLING and BART are together often. The informant's opinion is based on a few remarks casually dropped by BART; one being that he saw JACK KLING's "kids" and that they looked "to be in pretty good shape." BART mentioned previously that he recently vacationed, and informant learned from SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, that she and the children recently saw JACK KLING. On the basis of BART's remarks about KLING's children, the informant is of the opinion that the families of both KLING and BART vacationed together sometime before the California arrest of Party leaders.

BART also told the informant that he was going to New York, but he did not say when he would make this trip. However, it appears that BART's trip to New York will be within the next month, because he told the informant he would have certain answers for the informant in about a month.

BART also told the informant that he had seen ILM HARRIS of New York while he was in Chicago on September 15, 1953, and that HARRIS was leaving Chicago on September 16, 1953 for New York, as he had been in Chicago on a very narrow mission which involved the handling of a farm problem.

Discussion Regarding National Office Work of the Informant

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The last matter discussed between the informant and BART concerned the future work of CG 5824-S, and matters relating to the status of CG [redacted] the informant [redacted] and NY-694-S.

BART again repeated that the informant is "considered part of the leading cadre of the Party in this country." He commented that District No. [redacted] of the Communist Party had asked for authority to use the informant, but that the National Office and he, BART, who said he was speaking for the "leading committee," had decided that the informant should be assigned nationally.

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BART said that the National Office knows that the informant has been sick, but that while he is better, he will have to live with his present physical condition. BART commented that when the leaders saw the informant at New York (BETTY GANNETT and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) they felt that the informant's spirit was excellent, yet they concluded that because of his illness he could not be considered for "reserve" leadership and be placed underground. However, they felt that the informant should be asked for his ideas and inquiry should be made of him as to whether he wants to go into the "reserve" leadership. However, BART stated he was told to tell the informant that the National Office recommends against it.

BART said that he was in Chicago to discuss with the informant where the informant can be used to help the "center" and at the same time work out an arrangement where the informant in his work would not be "exposed."

The informant replied by stating that he is in agreement with the "center" that physically he could not endure the hardships of a "reserve" leadership. He said, however, that he will insist on any proposals agreed to that they must be based on an exchange of ideas with the active collective leadership, and that he would not accept tasks that would keep him in "isolation" from the day-to-day problems of the Party.

BART replied that he was in agreement with the informant's position, and that the "center" wanted the informant to work with the National Committee insofar as tasks are concerned.

The informant agreed that he can best fit into the National set-up, but insisted that if this is agreed to, "it must be a two-way street." BART agreed to this and said that contact will be maintained and ideas exchanged, and that this will be done through personal discussions with someone representing the "center" and also through an exchange of ideas by memoranda. BART said that the informant would be in contact with him or someone else, and the details would be worked out within a month after approval by the "leading committee."

BART then suggested that the informant work for the "center," formulating policy and analyzing "political trends" and suggesting policy and tactics, as well as exchanging ideas with leadership as to what the Party tactics should be. He said that he felt the informant should "interpret trends from a Marxian point of view," and this work would constitute a start in assignment of tasks for the informant. BART said that the informant would be provided with all necessary reading and documentary material, and once he, BART, had seen the leadership and the informant again, he, BART, thought that the nature of the informant's work could be more concretized.

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The informant replied to BART that he felt that the most important thing is that he, informant, now has established contact and said that he would accept such tasks, provided they are "alive and not a dead thing," and that he will not be "isolated," and will not be required to make abstract formulations without knowing the opinions of others."

BART assured the informant that the informant will be kept advised, and that it would be on a basis of a "two-way street." In reference to this matter, BART made the comment, "let us see what they think of it in New York."

BART then apologetically told the informant that he had orders to settle some matters relating to the informant, his wife and NY-694-3, and said that he would accept the informant's answer without further question.

BART then told the informant that the "center" had concluded that the informant had "an antagonistic" attitude toward the present Party leadership. He said that the "center" could not understand why the informant had refused to accept National Office funds a few years ago. He said that before OIL GREEN disappeared, he, GREEN, had asked the "center" to look into the attitude of CG-5824-3 because he seemed to have a "subjective" attitude. The informant replied by stating that he was sick at the time, and was bound to have a "subjective" attitude because of the treatment he received when he was sick. BART then recalled to the informant the first letter which the informant had sent in connection with his re-activation efforts to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Party. BART stated that this letter was "passed around" among the leadership, and described it as a nice letter, but said that it contained no greetings or mention of other members of the National Committee, and that the National Committee members reached the conclusion from this letter that informant had "an antagonistic" attitude toward them. The informant explained his reasons for not mentioning other members of the National Committee in this letter by stating that the note was a personal one to FOSTER concerning FOSTER's book, and was not intended for circulation. BART concluded by stating, "whatever you say, we are satisfied and consider it settled."

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BART next inquired about the status of C [redacted] who is the informant's [redacted] and stated that three years ago when she took BART to the airport, she had also shown a "subjective" attitude. The informant's reply was that she has been helping the informant and the Party out by giving the Party her insurance commissions, by doing "leg" work for the informant, and by earning a living for the informant, and thus indirectly taking the informant off the Party payroll. BART told the informant that her status must be clarified, and that she must be brought back into the movement.

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The informant then reminded BART that he, the informant, had not paid dues for years, but that he had made dues arrangements with DORA LIPSCHITZ, now in Poland, and later with WILLIAM LAWRENCE, presently a member of the New York State Committee of the Party. BART replied by stating that the informant should consider his past dues paid and in the future should give whatever dues there are to WILLIAM SENNITT, Open Organizer of District No. 8. Informant, in commenting on this, stated that in the Party there is no one who is above the law that requires the payment of dues. He stated that BART, therefore, was acting with authority in writing off the informant's past dues obligations, and that this means that the informant has never been dropped from membership in the Communist Party.

BART next asked about the status of NY-694-S. He told the informant that when he, BART, was before the HCUA, certain documents concerning Party finances which had been prepared by NY-694-S had been introduced in evidence in connection with BART's testimony. BART also told the informant that a passport which had been issued to BART, but which contained a photograph of NY-694-S thereon, had also been introduced in evidence. Thereafter, according to BART, he, BART, had sent a message to NY-694-S through the brother-in-law of NY-694-S, advising the New York informant of his testimony and of the evidence offered by the Government, so that in the event NY-694-S was subpoenaed he would have explanation to offer in line with BART's testimony. BART said that he has never received a reply note from NY-694-S, and on questioning the brother-in-law of NY-694-S, he was told that he, the brother-in-law, did not know the present Party attitude of NY-694-S.

The informant told BART that to his knowledge the brother-in-law had never delivered the message to NY-694-S, and that NY-694-S did not know of the existence of such a note until November, 1952, after his attention had been called to this matter by BETTY GANNETT. BART replied that NY-694-S must get a copy of the HCUA testimony in order to answer properly if he is subpoenaed. The informant replied that if there are any unanswered questions on this, then BART should have BETTY GANNETT talk to NY-694-S about the entire matter.

New York airtel of September 14, 1953 of the case entitled, "SASH; Espionage - R," reflected that BATTY GANNETT had talked to NY-694-S on certain matters, possibly on the above-referenced matters, and that the New York informant believed he had offered proper explanation.

CG-5824-S considers the above-described matter of sufficient importance that he feels NY-694-S should be instructed by the New York Office to be prepared to reply on the following points: (1) He must show GANNETT that he did not get the message, or if he did get the message, why he did not reply to BART. (2) If he denies receiving the message, he must

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be prepared to blame someone, even if it is his brother-in-law, who BART indicated to the informant is not too respected by the Party anyway.

BART next asked the informant about the status of certain individuals in the Chicago area, who are listed as follows, and the informant furnished the information available to the informant on them:

MAX WEINSTEIN, brother-in-law of HARRY BRIDGES  
HARRY MILLER, of the LaSalle Leather Company,  
a Communist Party business  
PHIL KOSSOFF, Communist Party, District No. 8,  
Professional Organizer  
LESTER WICKSTROM, long-time Chicago Communist Party  
member

The informant then casually mentioned that he had recently seen KOSSOFF, and BART appeared to be disturbed by this remark. When the informant told BART the circumstances surrounding the meeting, BART said that it was all right since they had not met in the open. BART said that KOSSOFF was not to be seen openly by anyone.

BART next inquired about the informant's finances. The informant stated that his wife was working and made about \$75 a week, and that for a time he, the informant, was employed by the firm of NY-694-S, but that he is now working strictly on a commission basis, and is receiving little or no compensation. The informant told BART that he was heavily indebted due to his illness, but that he owed some of the money to comrades who are not pressing him too hard. The informant, commenting on BART's remarks, stated that he believes BART was asking questions on finances at the request of WILLIAM WEINER, and that it is possible that BART will make him a financial offer on the occasion of their next contact.

#### Termination of the Above-Described Meeting

Informant advised that his discussion with BART ended at 3:00 p.m. on September 16, 1953. The informant left the hotel with BART, who paid the hotel bill, and upon reaching the street instructed the informant to take public transportation home. BART, after watching the informant board a CTA bus, was then observed by the informant to proceed on foot in the opposite direction. BART had previously told the informant that he had to "clean himself" within the next few hours, as he had another meeting before he left Chicago.

BART told the informant that it would be permissible for him to see a few people in Chicago, provided he, the informant, does not broaden

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his circle of contacts, and that these people must be trusted and personal friends, and could include WILLIAM SENNETT, Open District No. 8, Communist Party Organizer.

Conclusions

The first objective in the informant's reactivation program appears to have been accomplished by virtue of the informant's now having effected contact with the Communist Party Underground leadership. By so doing he has secured commitments of assignment as a functionary of the National Office of the Communist Party.

The value, both present and potential, of this informant, regardless of the title or official position which he ultimately gets or the duties which he is ultimately given has been demonstrated through this contact, and the nature of the information which he has presently provided.

It appears that the informant skillfully conducted himself in the interrogation to which he was subjected and satisfied BART in all respects. The informant advised that he anticipates considerable trouble in securing agreement from CS [redacted] to reactivate in the Communist Party; however, he feels he can handle this matter, both with regard to his wife and to Party officials.

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Evidence of the trust the Party places in the informant was demonstrated through a number of incidents which occurred preliminary and during the course of the above-described meeting. They are: (1) BART shortened the preliminary security arrangements to effect this meeting, in order to make it as easy as possible for the informant to contact BART. (2) SENNETT left the informant alone during the period when the contact with BART was about to be made. (3) BART allowed the informant to know that SIGMUND KIRSCHER, a Milwaukee Smith Act subject underground, was working with him. (4) BART shared a room with the informant and permitted himself to sleep in the informant's presence. (5) BART and the informant left the hotel together in violation of security regulations. (6) BART indicated that a re-contact would be made with the informant by him or "someons else" from the "center" within about a month.

The informant considers the contact with BART to be a start which will allow him to solidify himself again in the leadership of the Communist Party. Since "political matters" are the basis for all Party strategy and tactics, and since the informant was successful in securing a commitment that he will have contacts for an exchange of ideas, it appears that with skillful work, he can be of high service to the Bureau in connection with obtaining information concerning the Communist Party underground apparatus and its methods of operation. The extent to which

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the informant will be able to penetrate to reach the underground leadership is speculative at this time due in part to the information which the informant was given by BART which stressed the extent in which the Party is presently working in order to compartmentalize its leadership in the interests of security.

As time goes on and in view of the statements of confidence by BART in behalf of the National Committee in the informant, the likelihood of enlargement of the duties and contacts of this informant appears to be good.

It is felt that the information contained in this letter is a fair example of the informant's capability and the type of information he will be able to bring to the Bureau's attention. It is hoped that he will eventually be entrusted with more concrete tasks, and possibly attend meetings of high-placed underground leaders for concretizing "political matters," and if this develops, it is felt the services of this informant will provide a bridge of information on the Communist Party Underground between top leaders of the Underground and the Bureau.

Copies of this letter are only being directed to the Bureau and New York for security reasons, and separate letters will be prepared in suitable disseminatory fashion to all interested offices within the next few days.

With regard to allowing BART to operate without arrest "on sight," it is felt that in order to solidify the informant's contacts with the Party Underground, he must be allowed to effect re-contact with the informant, and since he, BART, indicated he was leaving Chicago almost immediately, no investigative steps are being taken at this time by this office which might cause BART to suspect the informant.

With regard to RISENSCHER, it is also pointed out that in connection with the meeting with the informant scheduled in about a month, it is entirely possible that BART will again use RISENSCHER as a contact with the informant to arrange plans for this meeting. Again it is not felt advisable at this time for this office to conduct extensive investigation in Chicago to locate this person, because of the dangers involved in possibly breaking the underground connections of the informant with BART.

In connection with the above matters relating to BART and RISENSCHER, any instructions of the Bureau with respect to them will be followed. If additional pertinent information is developed from re-contact with the informant concerning other matters discussed at this meeting, the Bureau and interested offices will be advised.

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It is again pointed out that in order to insure the continued operation of this informant, extreme caution must be used in the reporting and dissemination of any information contained herein, due to the fact that there were no persons present at the meeting between informant and BART.  
It is also pointed out that should BART ever be interviewed in connection with a subsequent contact or arrest, any reference to his trip to Chicago in September of 1953 might identify this highly-placed informant and, therefore, every precaution must be taken to guard against such occurrence.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (134-46)

DATE: 9/22/53

FROM : Carl N. freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

On 9/1 8/53 the above informant was paid the sum of \$400.00 for services rendered and expenses for the period 9-1 thru 9-15-53 at the Chatham Hotel and a receipt was obtained and turned in to the Secy of ASAC Moore.

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Lena Scherer, was.  
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The Chicago letter dated July 3, 1953,  
entitled "CC 5324-S" and previous correspondence  
concerning Lena Scherer who was being investigated  
by INS for possible deportation.

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INS in connection with this investigation  
had contacted the mother of Lena Scherer, Fanny Cherenky,  
and the sister of Lena Scherer, Anna Goldt. It will be  
recalled that Investigator [redacted] [no name]  
handling the case for local INS advised on June 23, 1953,  
that no further action would be taken by him pending receipt  
of instructions from the central office of INS.

You are requested to contact INS and, if  
possible, [redacted] to determine whether his  
action in the Scherer case has also resulted in a  
cessation in his inquiry relative to Anna Goldt.

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Rebulet 8/21/53 and NY let 8/7/53 entitled "NY 694-S" (Bufile 100-340711).

Since returning from his recent trip to Chicago NY 694-S has made repeated efforts to contact FTTY GANNETT, CP functionary, regarding authorization for him to act as a CP courier between the Canadian CP and the CPUSA, but to date has been unsuccessful in contacting her. Through his CP contacts the informant has learned that she will not be available for interview for at least another week. Although the Canadian CP suggested informant secure authorization from either GANNETT or WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, NY 694-S prefers to await interview with GANNETT rather than to have immediate interview with FOSTER, which probably could be arranged.

He prefers to talk to GANNETT in the first instance because he believes that even though he should discuss the matter with FOSTER, the latter would refer him to GANNETT for a decision, and, secondly, because, by reason of GANNETT's interview last Fall with CG 5824-S, she is aware of NY 694-S's reactivation in the CP, and would be less inclined to be suspicious of NY 694-S's motives in seeking permission to act as a CP courier than would be FOSTER, who knows the informant to have been BROWDFR's "confidential man", and who, knows little, if anything, concerning NY 694-S's reactivation in the Party.

Pending decision from GANNETT concerning his proposed courier activities between the Canadian CP and CPUSA, NY 694-S prefers not to discuss with his business partner the matter of the proposed subsidiary of the informant's company in Canada. He feels that should his partner now agree to the formation of a Canadian subsidiary company, and subsequently GANNETT oppose his proposed connection with the Canadian CP, he would be in an embarrassing position as regards his partner, to whom the matter would have been presented only as a possibly profitable business enterprise, and who would not understand a later decision not to engage in the Canadian enterprise. Considering the security of

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his own and CG 5824-S's operations in behalf of the Bureau, NY 694-S feels that serious consideration must be given to the advisability of negotiating concerning the Canadian subsidiary company if GANNETT should object to his being a CP courier.

With respect to his recent trip to Chicago, the informant furnished the following information.

In Chicago the informant contacted ROBERT A. BROWN, mentioned in referenced New York letter as an individual known to NY 694-S as "JOHNSON", who, reportedly having fled to Canada in the 1930's by reason of being sought for espionage activities in the US, was hidden in Canada for several years by the Canadian CP.

BROWN expected a visit from NY 694-S, having been advised to that effect by JACK COWAN of the Canadian CP when BROWN and COWAN met in Canada shortly after NY 694-S returned to New York from Canada. BROWN greeted the informant cordially, and mentioned the occasion of his last meeting with NY 694-S. This was when NY 694-S gave BROWN final instructions regarding his return to Chicago pursuant to the Canadian CP's request that NY 694-S pave the way for BROWN's safe return to Chicago.

BROWN recalled that the informant had instructed him to report immediately to his draft board, even though at the time he was a year late in so reporting, and when questioned, to say that "he had been in the North woods, roughing it." Before reporting to the draft board, however, he had been instructed by the informant to contact CG 5824-S in Chicago. This he did, and CG 5824-S approved of his reporting to the draft board, telling him also that if he should not be drafted, he should stay away from the CP and "lose himself."

According to BROWN, he reported to his local draft board. The draft board, in BROWN's presence, called the FBI, inquiring whether BROWN was "wanted", and if not, what disposition should be made of his case. The FBI, BROWN stated, informed the draft board that BROWN was not "wanted" and that the draft board should handle his case in routine fashion. BROWN then was registered for the draft, and immediately volunteered for active duty. By reason of his age, however, he was given a deferment (BROWN, according to his statement to NY 694-S, is now 57 years old).

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Thereafter, following CG 5824-S's advise, BROWN promptly "got lost" as far as the CP was concerned. He contacted two former "comrades", JOE WEBER and JOHN LAWSON, who helped him to obtain a position as a machinist, a trade for which BROWN had been trained. For several years he worked in various concerns as a machinist, and finally, a few years ago, organized, with three other men, the B & F Machinery Co., now located at 1429 North Keating, Chicago. The other founders of the company were BROWN's brother FEN (a former YCL member), a man referred to by BROWN only as "FRITZ", and another man, referred to by BROWN only as "TED". "TED" no longer is in the company, having sold his interest to BROWN for \$25,000.00. The office manager of the company is another brother of BROWN, no mentioned by name. This brother came from Latvia recently as a DP, and according to BROWN "is anti-Soviet and a Fascist."

The company, according to BROWN, is very successful, employing fifty people, and he is very proud of its Dun and Bradstreet rating. Sixty percent of its contracts are with the Bendix Aircraft Co. and other aircraft companies, for which it makes precision parts for landing gears, etc.

Referring to his Canadian trip from which he recently returned, BROWN said that he had spent most of his time with JACK COWAN, Canadian CP functionary, but had seen "PHILLIPI and the other boys." He gave them a large sum of money for their recent election campaign. According to BROWN, since his days as a fugitive in Canada, he never has lost contact with his Canadian CP friends, and continues to be in close contact with them. He mentioned that several years ago, before obtaining government contracts, the B & F Co. was "in difficulty", and that JACK COWAN played an important role in reorganizing the company. It was at COWAN's suggestion that BROWN bought "TED's" interest in the company. Since the reorganization, business has been excellent, and the company is ten months behind in filling orders.

Concerning local CP contacts, BROWN mentioned that he is in contact with LEON KATZEN and RALPH SHAW, functionaries in the Chicago CP. Until recently, when a major sub-contract from a defense plant required "clearance" for the B & F Co., SHAW worked at the B & F Co. BROWN and SHAW agreed that SHAW should resign

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from the company lest his association therewith jeopardize B & F's obtaining the aforementioned contract. In connection with this contract the FBI made inquiry concerning SHAW. BROWN was very courteous to the FBI and pretended to be cooperative. He disclaimed any knowledge of SHAW's CP affiliation, stating that SHAW was just one of many people who worked for him, and concerning whose outside activities he knew nothing.

BROWN maintains regular contact with SHAW, from time to time giving the latter money for the CP. BROWN is very careful in making CP contacts, which are limited. His meetings with SHAW are carefully arranged. SHAW sends him a postcard, unsigned, indicating that he will meet BROWN for lunch or dinner at a prearranged restaurant.

On 8/24/53, the informant met BROWN at the latter's home. After mentioning that he keeps himself informed regarding UPUSA affairs, BROWN opened a closet door and showed NY 694-S that on the floor of the closet was a pile of CP literature, including recent issues of "Political Affairs" and the "Cominform Bulletin." According to BROWN, SHAW kept him supplied "with this stuff."

BROWN, referring to his friend JOE WIBER, mentioned above, stated that if he were sure of WIBER's status in the US, he would finance the organization of a business similar to that of the B & F Company for WIBER. The informant received the impression that WIBER is the subject of a deportation order.

BROWN informed NY 694-S that he is constantly alert to the possibility of surveillances, and also to the possibility that his telephone is tapped. At the time of the investigation of SHAW, he believed his telephone was being tapped because he heard "continued, interrupted clicks on the telephone."

NY 694-S made a point of asking BROWN how sure the latter was that he was not under investigation by the FBI. BROWN replied that he was quite sure for several reasons. First, he said, "if the FBI had anything on him, they would have approached" him long ago. Secondly, he stated, while he was hiding in Canada, the FBI inquired about his whereabouts from his brother BEN. According to BROWN, the FBI exhibited to BEN "a photograph of a dead man killed in a Wyoming accident," and asked BEN whether the dead man was BROWN. BEN informed the FBI that the dead man was his brother.

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On the basis of these remarks, BROWN stated that "everything is OK - the FBI believes that I am dead."

In the course of the discussion, NY 694-S told BROWN that from time to time the informant's company could use the services of the B & F Company. BROWN indicated that he would be only too happy to do business with NY 694-S's company.

BROWN also mentioned that he is an amateur photographer, using a 35 millimeter Lics camera. He requested the informant to obtain for him a wide-angle lens for his cameras. NY 694-S promised to do this for BROWN.

In referring to the past, BROWN mentioned his "old friend, BILL GEBERT," who, according to NY 694-S was a Chicago CP functionary in the late 1930's and early 1940's. BROWN said that GEBERT now is a government official in Poland, and that on his last visit to the US to attend a United Nations conference, GEBERT contacted BROWN.

BROWN further stated that he is in contact with an individual in the Miagra Auto Parts Co., which is mentioned in referenced NY letter as a source of information for the Canadian CP. BROWN pronounced this person's name in such a way that NY 694-S could not be sure whether he called him "SAMMY" or "SOMMIE". It may be noted that if the name were "SOMMIE", the referenced might be to JOHN SOMMER of the Buffalo CP, also referred to in referenced NY letter as one of SAM CARR's border contacts.

In a reference to his former partner "TED", BROWN stated that "TED" had been questioned about him by the FBI, and immediately thereafter informed BROWN of the FBI's interest in the latter. In appreciation of this friendly gesture on the part of "TED", BROWN "went overboard" in paying "TED" \$25,000.00 for the latter's interest in the B & F Company.

BROWN also mentioned that he has "a five per cent arrangement" with a firm in South Bend, Indiana, which procures government contracts for him. He did not identify this company.

It was agreed by NY 694-S and BROWN that when the informant next goes to Chicago, he will arrange a meeting of BROWN and CG 5824-S, whom BROWN desires to see. It was also agreed that any correspondence between BROWN and NY 694-S will be channeled through their respective business offices.

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A review of the New York file in the case entitled "RUBENS - ROBINSON Passport Case, Passports and Visas, IS - R," Bufile 40-3923, New York file 40-241 reflected information of interest in regard to ROBERT BROWN.

An investigation conducted by the U.S. State Department reflected certain information concerning one ROBERT BROWN, was: Robert Brown Kishkis, Charles Miller. A comprehensive report of the information in the possession of the U.S. State Department concerning the RUBENS-ROBINSON Passport Case is presently in preparation in the New York Office, and will be furnished to the Bureau and other offices, including Chicago, in the near future.

In 1934 ARNOLD RUBENS, a Soviet agent, on a trip to Europe at that time, used a passport in the name of ROBERT BROWN. The passport had been mailed to ROBERT BROWN at 1432 Foster Ave., Wilmette, Illinois. Although the U.S. State Department investigation did not positively identify BROWN, it was ascertained that he was a machinist and an organizer for the CIO. His employment record reflected that he had worked for BASTIAN and ESSING, a Chicago firm. He also had been employed in a machine shop in South Bend, Indiana. Subsequently he was employed by the Westinghouse Electric Co. and by the Crane Co. in Chicago. The U.S. State Department file further reflected that BROWN's brother FERNARD BROWN, of 3228 West Division St., Chicago, was interviewed concerning him.

In 1938 the U.S. State Department interviewed ROBERT BROWN's wife, AUGUSTA BROWN, nee SKOPP, at 1514 South Millard St., Chicago. She stated she had married BROWN in July, 1936. At the time of interview in 1938 she was expecting the birth of a child.

In April, 1938 the U. S. State Department interviewed a Mrs. LOUISE BUSCH, 1953 South Homan Ave., Chicago, who advised that ROBERT and FERNARD BROWN were the sons of JOHN BROWN, and that their names on arrival in the US were ROBERT and FERNARD KISHKIN. Mrs. BUSCH identified herself as a housekeeper for JOHN BROWN until he died in April 1936. She stated that JOHN BROWN also had two daughters - HALID and MELITZ who lived in Gary, Indiana, but whose married names were unknown to her. She also mentioned that the mother of JOHN BROWN's children was not the woman to whom he last had been married.

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The U. S. State Department file further reflected that ROBERT BROWN probably furnished RUFFNS with other naturalization certificates.

It is also to be noted that Chicago is office of origin in a case entitled "ROBERT BROWN, wa: Robert Kishkis, SM-C," Chicago file 100-1162. One Chicago informant, [redacted] has advised that the subject of the Chicago case, in the middle 1930's, was engaged in obtaining birth certificates in order to secure false passports for various Communist Party members desiring to go to Russia. Another Chicago informant, CG 5824-S, has identified the subject of the Chicago case as a machinist and a member of the CP underground in 1935 and 1936, working with WILLIAM GEBERT, formerly a district organizer for the CP in Chicago, and now an official of the Polish government.

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It will be noted that information in the Chicago case coincides with information appearing herein which was furnished by ROBERT BROWN to NY 694-S. The identification of the ROBERT BROWN in the RUFFNS-ROBINSON Passport Case as ROBERT BROWN KISHKIS also indicates that said BROWN is identical with the subject of the above mentioned Chicago security case.

NY 694-S furnished the following current description of ROBERT BROWN:

Age	57
Citizenship	U.S. (naturalized at age of 16 derivatively)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	160 - 165
Hair	Gray on sides - bald on top
Eyes	Green
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium

On 9/8/53, NY 694-S advised that he had just received a letter from JACK COWAN, stating that ROBERT BROWN will be in Toronto again on either October 3rd or October 10th.

The Bureau and Chicago will be advised promptly of all developments in this matter. NY 694-S states that in his opinion the Chicago office should refrain from making any inquiries concerning BROWN among his employees, present partner and former partner, these individuals being in the informant's opinion, most unreliable.

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9/22/53

FROM : SA *W. Freeman*

SUBJECT: C5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 9/22/53 by phone

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

134-46 - *Off*

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

Re appointment for meeting with Williamson  
Scarlett - Mar 9/28/53 1:30 pm at  
107th & S. Park -

Also Read Let from Fera before the  
above contacts of which will be recd.  
Clear personal contact & disseminated.

## PERSONAL DATA:

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9/29/53

FROM : SA O M FoyneSUBJECT: CG 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 9/24 - by phone

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

134-46 (Arrangements made to meet informant 9/25)

100- Sue Klegy

100- 3960 W m Sennett

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ✓

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Re. Sue Klegy - She phoned OS [redacted] on 9/23  
 Conversation mostly personal re Sue Trouble - to  
 be disseminated with CC to A 134-46

Re. Sennett. Meeting with CG 5824-S - 9/25  
 Tues Sept 29, 130 PM not Monday as  
 originally stated

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9/25/53

FROM : SA Carl N. Fueymann

SUBJECT: CG 5-824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 9/25/53 - Personal Contact

## TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100 - 21864 (Dale Slorbin)

100 - 125 (CP -

100 - 2644 (Phil Bent)

100 - 15105 (Adolph Rabin)

100 - 1162 (Bob Brown)

100 - 18162 (Joe Harris also)

100 - 27644 -

100 - 22805 -

105-1481 (- Loran)

100 - 18581 -

100 - 17003 -

100 - 27749 -

100 - 15804 -

100 - 26300 -

100 - 26662 -

100 - 24757 -

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: Positive: 

100 - 27964 (Bennett)  
 100 - 27644 [redacted]  
 105 - 1481 [redacted]  
 100 - 18581 [redacted]  
 100 - [redacted]  
 100 - 27749 [redacted]  
 100 - 15804 [redacted]  
 100 - 27835 [redacted]

100 - 21864 (Slorbin) 65-3850 (Mask)  
 100 - 125 (CP) 100 - 16934 [redacted]  
 100 - 2644 (Phil Bent) 100 - 27805 [redacted]  
 100 - 15105 (Adolph Rabin) 100 - 1162 (Bob Brown)  
 100 - 18162 (Joe Harris also) 100 - 24757 (Joe Chandler.)  
 100 - 22805 [redacted]  
 100 - 26300 [redacted]  
 100 - 24757 (Joe Chandler.)  
 65-3850 (Mask)  
 100 - 16934 [redacted]

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9/28/53

FROM : SA C. N. Freeman  
Cg 5824-S

SUBJECT:

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 9/28/53 by phone

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100 - See Cohen  
 Dr. Walter Neff  
 Milt Burns  
 18016 Chas Mitchell  
 100 - Deane & Randolph Vogel.

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: 

Re Results of all day ~~test~~ start 9/27/53  
 with See Cohen  
 to be disseminated to file files +  
 A 134-46

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 9-29-53

FROM : SA C. H. Frey man

SUBJECT: OG 5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT:

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-125 (CP  
from Bennett)

100-3960 (Wm Bennett)

134-46 (OG 5824 - See very states etc)

100-CP-Pamphlet &amp; Pub.

100-Security Measures

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

Information memorized pertinent info received from Wm Bennett - Meeting 7 from meeting 9-29-  
 ① OG 5824-S Qd due & assessment  
 ② Bennett advised of a Midwest D.W. Conf scheduled  
 for this with Alan May, Mac Gordon & others being  
 W Pittman & "One other person with Carl" in alt. as  
 well as Reps. from Midwest.  
 ③ Bennett obtained all Current CP Shop papers  
 PERSONAL DATA: Bennett asked to recommend meeting place - Residence  
 of trusted Comrades.

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Director, FBI (100-33373b)

9/25/53

NY, NY, New York (100-57853)

REBUL to New York, 2/17/53.

Re: Alvarado's allegation in direct to Chicago teletype to Director dated 6/22/53, which "FBI Sec'y" Alvarado calls the Bureau's "obligation to the agency" to contact LHM (MILITARY AND POLITICAL), her sister, and to see if she has any information for the FBI for both action pertaining to the National CP and the N.Y. and New York District CP. Inasmuch as information furnished by these individuals to their informant has been extensively used by NY and they are also a threat for future, very documents.

The Bureau's contention is further detailed to NY letter to Bureau dated 7/4/53 re "Moral" LHM, etc., etc., etc. wherein information furnished by LHM, etc. that subject of LHM, etc., was born in India 2/19/11 and is not a citizen of this country.

The Bureau is therefore requested to review its instructions pertaining to contact with LHM by the NY office in re letter and advise NY office of any additional steps to be taken in this matter. No action will be taken prior to receipt of copy of letter from the Bureau.

1- LHM (100-36737)  
1- Bureau (61-745)  
2- Chicago (100-100) (cc 512-4)  
1- NY, NY (100-57853)

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 10-1-53

FROM : SA C. N. Faley man

SUBJECT: 295824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 10-1-53 personal 9 15 - 3 45 pm.

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-125  
 100-3960 (a.m. Bennett)  
 65-3850 (mask)  
 100- Harry Miller -  
 100- Lena Scherer -  
 100- Marcel Scherer.  
 100- APC

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_ On all of Above.

- ① Meet w/ Wm Bennett. 9/29/53
- ② Lets from Marcel & Lena Scherer re NY CP.  
Information, peace etc.
- ③ Harry Miller going to my 10-2-5824 to send message  
for William Wren.

Characterizing Memo being prepared  
for Subj. & 1A 134-46 file.

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HARRY I. MILLER, IS DASH C. [redacted]

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[redacted] ADVISED OCT. TWO INSTANT THAT SUBJ WILL SEE  
WILLIAM WEINER, OCT. THREE NEXT. SUBJ HAS NOTE FROM  
CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S FOR WEINER. NO FISUR SHOULD  
BE CONDUCTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

WEATHERFORD

100-15137

cc: (1)134-46

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC 134-46

DATE: 10-2-53

FROM : Carl N. Freyman

SUBJECT: Cg 5824-S

On 10-1-53 the writer paid the captioned informant the sum of \$400.00 for services rendered and expenses at the Chatham Hotel and the receipt obtained was turned in to the Secy of ASAC Moore. Period covered by payment 9-17-~~30~~48 through 9-30-53.  
Per auth 7-28-53 six months

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-16859)

DATE: October 2, 1953

FROM : SA CARL N. FREYMAN

SUBJECT: SUE KLING  
SECURITY MATTER - C

On September 24, 1953, CG 5824-S orally advised the writer that CS [redacted] had been in touch with SUE KLING on September 23, 1953, and that the conversation was mainly on personal matters. It was, however, learned that the father of SUE KLING is very sick in the Cook County Hospital, and SUE KLING sees her father every evening after work.

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CNF:djh  
cc: (1) - 131-116  
1 [redacted]

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TO : SAC, 134-46

DATE: 10-3-53

FROM : SA P. N. Freeman

SUBJECT: CG-5824-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 10-3- by phone

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-15137 (Harry Miller)

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative:  Positive: 

Informant advised that [redacted] had contact with Harry Miller on 10/3 and gave him CG-5824-S message to William Weiss of NY. Note was personal but he advised of Boat Contact also but stated however that his Nat Office connections were now better - Miller to see Weiss on 10/3 & return to Chgo on 10/7/53

## PERSONAL DATA:

1CC - [redacted]

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Separate memo written to Chgo on 10/7/53  
Miller is trying to get consent to goable to see 5824 again

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